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SWATOW DANGER.

REDS' PLOT TO BURN THE PORT.

NANKING SANCTIONS

STRONGER BRITISH MEASURES?

OTHER POWERS' FORCES.

FRANCE NOW SENDING MORE WARSHIPS.

Following their defeat at the hands of the Moderates, the Reds are making a big effort to regain control of Swatow, and simultaneous with the advance of their troops, they are scheming to set fire to the port.

There is hint of stronger British measures in a reply given in the House of Commons regarding Nanking sanctions and in a speech by the Earl of Balfour in the House of Lords.

France is sending another large cruiser and three latest type sloops to China. She is also considering the despatch of more troops. Japan is said to have similar intentions.

SWATOW "REDS."

Plot to Set the Port on Fire.

Swatow, May 4.

The "Reds" are making a determined attempt to regain the control here which the lost following the measures taken when the split occurred between Extremists and Moderates.

The "Reds" have collected a considerable body of troops which are now reported to be between Swatow and Chaochowfu, about seventeen miles distant.

Simultaneous with their advance, it was the intention of "Red" elements to stir up trouble in Swatow, the intention being to set fire to various parts.

Ship Commandeered.

These plans have become known to the local authorities who are taking steps to strengthen the anti-Red troops.

To-day, the anti-Reds commandeered the Chinese s.s. "Yuanlee" which plies between Saigon and Amoy, calling at Swatow. The ship was sent to Amoy for the purpose of bringing troops back to Swatow.

It is reported that the local troops are short of arms, the number in their possession being merely 300 rifles.—British Naval Wireless.

Moderates Defeated.

Foochow, May 4.

A reverse is reported to have been suffered by Chiang Kai-shek in Kiangsi and about 4,000 troops left here to-day to reinforce him.—British Naval Wireless.

Canton Reinforcements.

Samshui, May 4.

Some 2,500 soldiers from Canton who were en route to the North river spent last night here, being prevented from proceeding according to plan owing to the late arrival of water transport.

The Customs House was commandeered for quartering purposes.

The soldiers were disciplined and behaved in an orderly manner.

The present situation is normal.—British Naval Wireless.

Truce in the North?

Shanghai, May 4.

The failure of preliminary negotiations between Chiang Kai-shek and Sun Chuan-fang to bring the Nationalist Moderates and the Kiangsu Northerners together is stated not to be final.

Chiang Kai-shek is still endeavouring to bring the very carefully considered negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion and there is a possibility that a way may be found to get over Sun Chuan-fang's objections to fighting against Chang Tsung-chang.—British Naval Wireless.

On the Yangtse.

Chinkiang, May 4.

Considerable troop movement by land and train took place yesterday, troops being observed moving from Hsiang Shan to Silver Island.

It is reliably rumoured that Sun Chuan-fang's troops will shortly occupy Chinkiang.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops Moving.

Wuhu, May 4.

The Fifth and some of the Seventh Divisions have left here, the former on Monday and the latter on Tuesday.

Their destination is unknown.—British Naval Wireless.

Firing Continues.

Nanking, May 4.

Gunfire across the river between the Northerners and Southerners continued yesterday and a gun from an armoured train was observed to be firing at Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

PEKING RAID.

"The Ways of Chinese to Chinese."

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons, replying to several Labour members regarding the Peking raid on Soviet buildings there and the executions, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said he was unable to say what crime was charged against those executed.

He as a British Minister was not prepared to justify the ways of Chinese to Chinese. He did not consider that any responsibility rested on Britain.

"In common with all the Powers we agreed to the Senior Minister authorising the raid on the premises because it was felt that the immunities claimed for the Legation quarter could not be justified if they were used to harbour plotters against the local Government."

Publishing the Documents.

Replying to questioners urging the publication by Britain of the documents seized at the Soviet Legation in Peking, Sir Austen Chamberlain said His Majesty's Minister had reported that the Chinese Government intended to publish a white book and to communicate its contents to the interested Governments.

Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the opinion that it was desirable to await publication of this before making any comment.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the negative to a question whether any proposal had been made by the other Powers concerned to share equally the cost of the extra troops sent for the defence of Shanghai.

Hankow's Cheque.

Mr. H. W. Locker (Conservative) queried whether the Hankow Government's cheque for compensation for damage at Kiukiang had been honoured.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he was awaiting an answer from Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking.

Replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) regarding the next step in connection with the Nanking outrages, Sir Austen Chamberlain hoped to make a statement shortly.

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ANGRY SCENE.

Trade Union Bill Further Debated.

SPEAKER REBUKES LABOUR.

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons the fact that Sir John Simon (Liberal) and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, were speaking today stimulated interest in the debate on the Trade Union Bill.

It was Sir John Simon who during the general strike first declared the general strike was illegal.

The House was quiet to-day when he resumed the debate, mentioning that he did not entirely agree with some of his Liberal friends regarding the Bill.

Ironical Opposition cheers greeted his regret that the Labour leaders were not prepared to try to amend the Bill.

Sir John Simon added that the House should direct its attention to the method and language in which the Government had expressed certain praiseworthy intentions in the Bill. He would have preferred a one clause Bill declaring illegal any combination of workers or employers to coerce Parliament or the Government.

"Uriah Heep!"

A storm of cheering and counter cheering and Labour taunts, for instance "Uriah Heep," greeted Mr. Baldwin, who argued that the Government had the authority to amend the existing trade union law, because in consequence of the latter power to-day getting into the hands of the so-called "minority movement."

This was challenged by Labour members. Mr. Baldwin refused to withdraw, whereupon a Labour member shouted "So much for your honesty!"

The Ministerialists, who were placid towards interruptions of Sir Douglas Hogg's speech the previous day, were very resentful of interruptions of Mr. Baldwin.

Labour Member Suspended.

There was an angry scene when they demanded that the latest interrupter be "named."

The speaker finally quieted the tumult and "named" Mr. J. Beckett (Labour) who had accused Mr. Baldwin of telling lies.

A division was taken and Mr. Beckett was suspended for five days.

Mr. Beckett withdrew remarking that he would tell the country.

Mr. Baldwin, who had previously refused to name the unions in which the minority ruled, in response to further Labour pressure and a quieter atmosphere, mentioned the Miners' Federation. (Loud Ministerial cheers).

Government's Mandate.

Mr. Baldwin concluded his speech without further incident. He said the Government's mandate for the Bill was the events of last year. His view was that at a time of general strike the extremists got their way.

Many leaders did not desire to enter the strike, but did so in order to keep a united front. But the apparent unity at the top was followed by fissures in the foundation of the whole edifice. (Conservative cheers).

The Government was not trying to split the movement, which was splitting itself. He was pressed, but declined to pass a Bill during or immediately after the general strike, because although it would have been easy then to have forced legislation through, the chances were it would have been extreme and vindictive.

He believed that the more the Bill was known in the country the more it would be supported. (Labour cries of "Wait till a general election.")

Mr. Baldwin retorted: "We will meet you on this issue at an election with confidence." (Prolonged cheers and counter cheers.)

Frivolous Behaviour.

The debate was adjourned after the Speaker had rebuked the attitude of Labour members towards Mr. Spencer, also their frivolous behaviour.—Reuter.

[Mr. George Spencer, who was recently expelled from the Labour ranks owing to negotiating district settlements during the coal strike, speaking in the House of Commons on Monday, supported the Bill which he held was in the best interests of Trade Unionism. He believed it would particularly assist the Labour Party because it would curb the activities of fomenters of disturbance, especially when Labour returned to power.]

THOSE WAR DEBTS.

GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES.

FACTS FULLY SET OUT.

FRIENDLY EFFORT TO REMOVE PREJUDICE.

Mr. Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury, having said that "after 1927 Britain will receive from her debtors substantially more than she will pay the United States," Britain has sent a Note to Washington endeavouring in a friendly way to remove "the unfortunate impression" thus created, and fully setting out the facts regarding the heavy burdens borne by the British taxpayer as a result of the war debt settlements.

London, May 4.

Britain has addressed to the United States Government a long Note concerning war debts consisting of a full reply to the recent utterance by Mr. Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury that "after 1927 Britain will receive from her debtors substantially more than she will pay the United States".

This is emphatically denied. On the contrary it is pointed out even if the full Dawes payments continue to be received for another sixty years hence, the present value Britain receives from reparations and inter-Allied debts would

be less than the payments Britain is obliged to make the United States at present rates of interest and discount.

How The Mistake Arose.

The Note emphasises that in no circumstances will Britain receive from reparations and inter-Allied war debts combined more than she pays the United States.

The Note suggests that Mr. Mellon miscalculated, firstly because he apparently quotes the total receipts of the British Empire from the Dawes annuities, which the Note points out include receipts in respect of the costs of occupations which represent partial reimbursement of expenditure incurred by Britain. Furthermore the British reparation receipts must be distributed between Britain and other parts of the Empire.

Mr. Mellon miscalculated secondly because apparently he includes in Britain's receipts from France sums comprising a private transaction between the Bank of France and the Bank of England whence not one penny accrues to the British Treasury.

Preserving Friendly Relations.

The Note concludes by expressing "a desire to maintain and promote the friendly understanding between the two great English-speaking nations" but views with great misgiving the divergence of opinion and estrangement of sentiment which is growing up as regards these war obligations, and trusts the United States Government will take steps to remove the unfortunate impression created by the issue of Mr. Mellon's statement.—Reuter.

Buying Supplies in America.

Later.

The Note disclaims any intention to interfere in a domestic controversy of the United States.

The Note says that all dollar payments made by the United States for their sterling requirements in Britain were taken into account in fixing the total amount of the war loans advanced to Britain, and applied directly to the purchase of supplies in America or to the repayment of debt.

Thus the United States Government did not lend the whole of the money required for British purchases in America, but the requirements were covered by loans from the United States Government dollar payments to Britain thus regularly applied to reduce dollar advances to Britain till 1919, when these payments were utilised to reduce the debt incurred by Britain.

Nothing For Britain.

As regards the British taxpayers' burden they were sustaining the full charge for advances which Britain had made to Allied Governments to help the latter during the war amounting to nearly double Britain's debt to America, and this burden could not be relieved by means of receipts on account of reparations and Allied war debts.

Finally the Note points out that Britain will receive for herself nothing or any of the payments she receives in respect of reparations and inter-Allied war debts which will be all applied to part payment of the debt to America, the remaining balance of which will come from Britain's own resources.—Reuter.

"PURELY DOMESTIC."

America's Reply to British Government.

Washington, May 4.

The State Department advised the British Government to-day that the United States regards the correspondence between Mr. Mellon and Mr. Hibben, President of the Princeton University on war debts, as a purely domestic discussion and does not desire to engage in any formal diplomatic exchanges on the matter.—Reuter's American Service.

HARD FACTS.

The Burdens of the British Taxpayer.

Rugby, May 4.

In a Note to the United States Government presented on Monday and released for publication in to-morrow's papers, the British Government points out that the recently published letter on the subject of war debts addressed by Mr. Andrew Mellon Secretary of the United States Treasury, to the President of the Princetown University "contains specific references to the position of Great Britain, and that on points of cardinal importance, these statements do not correspond with the facts as known to His Majesty's Government."

Dealing seriatim with these statements, the Note describes as incorrect Mr. Mellon's allegation that all Americans debtors "are already receiving from Germany more than enough to pay their debts to the United States," and that the British war debt payments to America" impose no burden on the British taxpayer."

Receipts From Germany.

Great Britain's receipts during the last financial year from Germany on account of reparations represent approximately one quarter of the payments made by the British Government to the United States Government, and Britain's prospective reparation receipts during the present financial year, assuming they are transferred in full, will fall substantially below one half of the British payments due to the United States.

Even if the receipts from Germany on account of army posts, which represent partial reimbursement of British expenditure on the maintenance of their forces, and on account of the Belgian war debt, are included, the total British receipts from Germany in either of these years will not exceed one half of the British payments to the United States.

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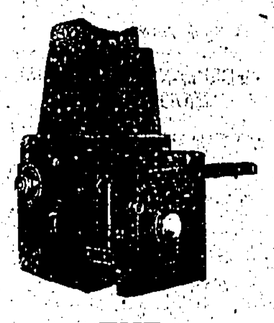

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Shanghai, April 28.

Banks.—Sellers of H. & S. Banks at the moment will not entertain less than $1,140; shares are wanted but buyers are not prepared to go beyond $1,130.

Wharves, Docks, etc.—Shanghai Docks have been done at Tls. 100 and still are wanted; buyers might pay an advance. Shanghai & Hongkew Wharves closed with sellers at Tls. 137½ and buyers at Tls. 132½.

Lands.—There are buyers of Shanghai Lands at Tls. 112½ and sellers may come out at Tls. 115.

Cottons.—Ewos are still in request at Tls. 7 but no business has been reported.

Telephones.— Small lots of Shanghai Mutual Telephones are wanted.

Rubbers.—Very little business in rubbers is passing, there would appear to be fewer sellers.

Debentures.—Debentures are attracting a little more attention again, S. M. C. 6 per cert. at Tls. 82 and 7 per cent. at Tls. 92 are wanted, but sellers and holding off. S. M. C. 8 per cent. are obtainable at par, while a small lot of Waterworks 7 per cent. are offering at Tls. 92.

SILK RIBBONS TO U.K.

The "China Mail" is informed by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce that the Customs authorities of the United Kingdom have decided that duty must be paid on silk ribbon used for decorative purposes in trimming and tying up boxes in which Chinese merchandise may be imported into the United Kingdom.

Exporters are advised, in view of this, to see that no silk or artificial silk trimmings are used in packing.

BRITISH GOODS FIRST.

It is announced that Messrs. Cochrane and Co., of Middlesbrough, have secured a contract to supply to the municipal council of Port Elizabeth, Natal, 7,000 tons of iron pipes. The amount of the contract is stated to be over £70,000.

The British tender exceeded a German tender by £9,000, and was also higher than a French tender.

THE BANK OF CHINA. 中國銀行

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Paid-up Capital $18,278,000.00
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WATCH ON COINAGE.

GOLDSMITHS' 600 YEARS OF WORK.

GOLD AND CHARITY.

Six hundred years ago, King Edward III. granted the first charter to "The Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Goldsmiths of the City of London."

The six-centenary fell on March 26 and was celebrated by a dinner in the present hall of the company, in Foster Lane, off Cheapside.

From the early days of their incorporation, the first care of the Goldsmiths has been the production of good wares. Their annals make frequent reference to fines levied and in some cases imprisonment enforced on those caught working adulterated gold and silver.

A curious and solemn proceeding takes place every year. It is the assay of the coin of the realm, or, as it is recorded by them, the "trial of the pyx."

The Wardens are summoned by precept from the Lord Chancellor to form a jury. To them is given the officers of the Mint, a small box—the "pyx"—containing the coins to be examined. The jury proceed to the assay, and their verdict is delivered in writing to the Lord Chancellor. If the coins be accurate, the Master of the Mint receives his certificate or "quietus."

In addition to their ordinary work, the Goldsmiths Company have spent a considerable amount of their income—which is now £58,000—on educational and charitable purposes. They helped those stricken by the Great Plague, they give pensions to the needy; have built and maintain almshouses; and made a grant of £25,000 for the erection of dwelling for the poorer classes of workers in their trade.

They have endowed a school at Stockport, and their interest in promoting technical education is exemplified by the Goldsmiths' College at New Cross, which has cost them £100,000.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

Oswestry Traders' Association, at their annual meeting, delegated to a committee powers to advertise the town's shopping facilities.

Mr. J. H. Profit, who brought forward a motion to this effect, said that newspapers had been of great value in making the town known. Holiday resorts, one after another, agreed that newspaper publicity was a success. Business men of Oswestry were catering for trade, and they should use the newspaper channels of service.

The president, Mr. C. Bristow, said that it was easier and cheaper to advertise in newspapers than to send circulars round.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The m.v. "Japanese Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai on May 3, and is expected here tomorrow, at daylight.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Manila on May 1, at 6.30 a.m., leaves that port on May 7, at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on May 9, at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 28, and is due here on May 16.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended April 16 amounted to 94,973 tons and the sales during the period to 84,075 tons.

LONGEVITY.

To reinforce the system by rational media is to prolong one's years. So many things tend to enervate one—the stress of modern life, worry, careless exposure of the person through the dictates of fashion—all these make demands upon the human machinery which exhaust it before its time.

What is more sensible, then, than to restore overtaxed vitality by the use of a medium which does not merely stimulate temporarily, but permanently strengthens and invigorates—a medium the value of which thousands have attested and thousands are prepared to attest?

That medium is found in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the formula of a learned and experienced physician, who found that the very ingredients which are now combined in them gave relief to suffering in many forms, and in many instances effected a cure. They are invaluable in the conservation of general health which, in turn, spells longevity, to men and women.

Of all chemists, or post free, $1.50 per bottle, 6 bottles for $8.00, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE SEA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The 51st report (up to Dec. 31, 1926) of the Sea Insurance Co., Ltd. (for which Messrs. Butterfield & Swire are local agents) as presented to the annual meeting at Liverpool on April 12, reads as follows:—

The Marine Underwriting Account for 1925 has been closed by transferring £42,000 to Marine Suspense Account to meet unsettled claims, leaving, after payment of expenses, an Underwriting profit of £40,678 4s. 7d.

The interest received during 1925 was £57,519 14s. 1d., transfer fees £60 18s. 6d., making a total profit for the year of £98,258 17s. 2d.

The Marine premiums received during 1926, less returns and reinsurances, amount to £417,617 3s. 2d., the claims settled on account of 1926, being £149,292 3s. 0d.

Fire Account.

The Fire premiums amounted to £130,439 9s. 8d., the claims paid and outstanding, £53,651 14s. 8d., commissions and expenses, £58,885 12s. 1d. The balance of the account, £56,432 0s. 1d., has been carried forward.

The Fire Fund has been credited with an amount of £5,000, transferred from Profit and Loss Account.

Accident and General.

The Accident and General premiums amounted to £8,163 11s. 2d., the claims paid and outstanding, £2,747 5s. 3d., commission and expenses, £6,817 18s. 11d. The balance of the account, £10,816 4s. 1d., has been carried forward.

The Accident and General Fund has been credited with an amount of £10,000, transferred from Profit and Loss Account.

Final Dividend.

The profit and Loss Account shows a credit balance of £119,376 15s. 6d. An interim dividend of one shilling and three pence per share (subject to income tax), was paid on October 9 last. The directors recommend the payment, on or after April 13 of a further dividend (subject to income tax), of one shilling and nine pence per share, making a total dividend for the year of three shillings per share, equivalent to 15 per cent. per annum, carrying forward to next account a balance of £84,126 2s. 6d.

Directors.

The directors record with deep regret the death of their valued and esteemed colleague, Mr. Henry T. Wallace, who had been associated with the company from its inception, first as underwriter and subsequently as director.

The retiring directors are Mr. C. W. Jones, Mr. A. O. Lowry and Mr. J. H. Temple, who are eligible for re-election.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

April 29 to May 5, 1927.

Date April	High Water Standard Times	Ht.	Lower Water Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 29	m 7 52	5.6	m 1 44	1.3
	7 56a	6.0	1 46 a	1.3
Sat. 30	m 8 18	6.1	m 2 18	1.5
	8 53a	6.3	2 46 a	1.6
Sun. 1	m 8 47	6.5	m 2 51	1.8
	9 49a	6.9	3 33 a	2.1
Mon. 2	m 9 26	6.9	m 3 22	2.2
	10 4a	6.5	4 10 a	2.1
Tues 3	m 9 57	7.1	m 3 51	2.6
	11 46a	5.0	4 38 a	2.6
Wed. 4	m 10 30	7.2	m 4 18	3.0
			5 43 a	2.7
Thurs 5	m 0 49	4.5	m 4 42	3.3
	m 11 5	7.1	5 43 a	3.0

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			April 28, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾柳	lb.	30	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	30	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	32	23	12
„ Roast	燒肉牛	„	30	24	22
„ Breast	牛脢	„	26	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	26	20	18
„ Steak	牛排	„	30	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳腩	„	45	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	60	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩腳	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	25	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	20	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	48	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾	„	48	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	48	24	—
„ Saddle	羊肉	„	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	„	28	—	27
„ Brains	猪腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	猪脚	lb.	15	15	—
„ Fry	猪什	„	28	15	18
„ Head	猪頭	„	15	20	—
„ Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	猪腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	猪肝	lb.	55	30	24
Pork Chop	猪排骨	„	30	25	23
„ Leg	猪脾	„	32	—	—
„ Loin	猪後腰	„	36	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	猪油	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊脚	per set	85	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	14	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	56	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb.	2o	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊仔油	„	50	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	40	20	20
„ „ No. 1		„	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	32	19	24
Bream	鳳尾魚	„	33	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	省塘淡水鮮	„	18	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	32	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	„	36	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	34	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	38	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	24	16	2
Dab		„	52	23	16
Dace	黃腰肚	„	26	10	9
Dog Fish	沙鱝	„	12	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	34	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水	„	28	10	18
„ Yellow	鰻田石白鰻	„	22	26	30
Frogs	雞班	„	65	32	25
Garoupa		„	72	40	30
Gudgeon		„	22	18	15
Herrings	白鯖	„	34	22	18
Halibut	將軍甲	„	36	18	23
Labrus	黃魚	„	82	22	18
Loach	鰍	„	56	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	50	32	21
Mackerel	在芒	„	12	20	26
Monk Fish	鯖魚	„	36	32	28
Mullet	鯔魚	„	32	18	2
Oysters	鮮蠔公	„	34	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	花班	„	36	20	15
Pike	班鯉	„	18	16	9
Plaice	黃鮸	„	42	28	14
Pomfret, Black	烏鯧	„	36	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	38	30	30
Prawns	明蝦	„	76	36	45
Ray	鱟魚	„	13	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	„	24	18	18
Rosch	馬鮫	„	32	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	„	70	36	30
Shark	鯊	„	8	8	10
Skate	鱓魚	„	14	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	45	26	35
Snapper	立魚	„	48	32	30
Soles	撚魚	„	28	28	28
Tench	左口魚	„	22	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	„	32	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	„	$1.20	40	—

Poultry.

			April 28, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	56	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	„	50	28	30*
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	32	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	45	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	60	80	—
„ Hoihow	海口鴿	„	40	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	70	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞雌	„	65	51	45
Snipe	沙浪	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	—	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	—	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	„	24	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	糸山香蕉	„	8	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	鄉子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	45	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	18	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	20	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	25	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	—	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	24	—	16
Grapes	提子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	竹芝	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	菜芽	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long	角豆	„	16	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	18	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青茄子	„	7	5	9
„ Red	紅茄子	„	7	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	菜心	„	8	5	12
„ (Shanghai)	上海菜	„	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗笋	„	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	28	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	15	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	„	10	6	6
Carrots	金笋	lb.	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘菜	„	6	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	30	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	30	10	16
„ Green	青辣花	„	14	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜用材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	18	2	—
Garlic	青蒜子	„	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	子姜	„	8	7	—
„ Old	老姜	„	6	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	30	8	4
Indian Corn	玉米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	„	2	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	7	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮菌	„	—	—	8
Okroes		„	18	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	9	8	3
„ Green	生蔥	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	—	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	20	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯仔	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本番仔	„	5	3	—
„ American	金山番仔	„	—	3	—
Pumpkin	金瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃菜	„	15	—	10
Shallots	干葱頭	„	8	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	„	10	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	10	7	—
Taros	芋頭	„	5	6	—
Turnips, Puntí (Long)	蘿蔔菜	„	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	14	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	6	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	6	6	—

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on

FRIDAY, the 6th May, 1927, commencing at 11 a.m.

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7 Cases Odol
1 Case Cotton Tapes
2 Cases Copper Ingots
9 Cases Sardines
1 Bale Old Newspapers
2 Bags Broken Glass
10 Inverted Lamp Shades
360 Tins Red Paint
112 Tins Yellow Paint
3 Fire Extinguishers
40 Dozen Combs
6 Sets Tea Sets
20 Cases Pearl Barley "Mercury" Brand
10 Cases Bar Soaps
1 Case Artificial Silk Brocades
11 Drums Celit
9 Drums Fixem
32 Rolls Insulating Paper
24 Rolls No. 50 Deadening Felt

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A Quantity of MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

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1 Parcel Lady's Dresses more or less damaged.
1 Case. White Mercerized Handkerchiefs more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

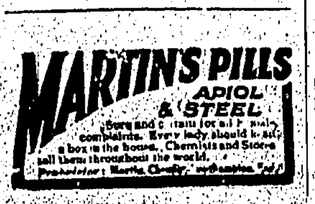
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1927.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date. May	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
" 5	5.49	6.52
" 6	5.48	6.52
" 7	5.48	6.52
" 8	5.48	6.53
" 9	5.47	6.53
" 10	5.46	6.53
" 11	5.46	6.54
" 12	5.45	6.54
" 13	5.45	6.55
" 14	5.44	6.55
" 15	5.43	6.55
" 16	5.43	6.56
" 17	5.43	6.56
" 18	5.42	6.57
" 19	5.42	6.57
" 20	5.41	6.58
" 21	5.41	6.58
" 22	5.41	6.59
" 23	5.41	7.00
" 24	5.40	7.00
" 25	5.40	7.00
" 26	5.40	7.01
" 27	5.40	7.01
" 28	5.39	7.02
" 29	5.39	7.02
" 30	5.39	7.02
" 31	5.39	7.03



NOTICES.

PEAK CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of WORSHIPPERS at the Peak Church will be held in the Cathedral Hall on FRIDAY, May 6th, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

H. COPLEY MOYLE, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 7th May, 1927, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5 each up to FRIDAY, 6th May, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. No. 18, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 10th day of May next at 12 o'clock Noon for considering and, if thought fit, passing the sub-joined Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

That this meeting authorises the Directors to pay to the Executor of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, C.M.G., the "Managing Director's fees in suspense" shown in the Company's last Balance Sheet, which represent the proportion, calculated up to the date of his death, of the remuneration to which the deceased would have become entitled, if he had survived to the end of the year, under Article No. 95 (B) of the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of Directors

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent

Hong Kong Station, April 28.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927.

CHURCH TRIBUTE.

MISS MIDDLETON SMITH'S WORK.

YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATION.

After fourteen years' connection with St. Peter's Church, Miss E. Middleton Smith, headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls' College and a member of the Church Council, is shortly leaving on retirement and yesterday evening she was the guest of honour at a social organised in connection with St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

There was a large attendance at the social which included an excellent entertainment, refreshments, the presentation of prizes for events won by Club members and the presentation by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Vice-President of the Club, to Miss Middleton Smith, on behalf of the members of St. Peter's Church congregation, of two Chinese lamps and a Chinese gong as a token of affection and appreciation of her work for the Church.

The Rev. N. V. Halvard presided.

In making the presentation the Rev. H. Copley Moyle spoke of Miss Middleton's devoted work on behalf of St. Stephen's Girls' and St. Peter's Church. She had been a very active member of the Church Council and it was only a few weeks ago that she had presented St. Peter's with a beautiful banner which she had asked him to dedicate. They all hoped to see Miss Middleton Smith again in Hong Kong with renewed health and strength after her stay in England.

Miss Middleton Smith suitably replied and referred to the excellent work of organisation and the enthusiasm brought to it by Mr. George Zimmern, the Secretary of the Church.

Those who contributed to the excellent concert were Mrs. M. Mather, Mr. Urquhart and Professor Rondiski and those who helped with the catering included Miss Buckland, Miss R. Mow Fung, Miss B. Pope, Miss E. Atkins, Misses B. and M. Yuen, Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs, and Messrs. Peter Pau, A. E. Lea, W. A. Shea, F. Grose, and J. Kotewall.

Later in the evening Mr. Allan Cameron presented the Cameron Ping Pong Cup to the season's winners, Messrs. F. Grose and G. Ko.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

May 4, 1927.

Mr. A. Ashworth.
Mr. S. S. Beltz, Mrs. and Miss O. R. Boal, Messrs. F. Barber, A. D. Box, Boyriven.
Mr. E. J. Carmichael, Mrs. Chauviere, Messrs. G. A. Canjoin, F. Capeland.
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Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gale, Mr. R. Grimshaw.
Capt. T. P. Hall, Messrs. A. F. Henry, J. R. Hooley, J. Hair, S. L. Horrobin, W. Hoegger, Mrs. C. J. Hawkins.
Messrs. J. E. Joseph, G. G. Johnston, Mrs. Journeau.
Messrs. H. A. Keller, Fritz Koenig, E. N. King.
Miss H. Lillie.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Merckens.
Mr. C. Nopper.
Mr. T. O'Hare.
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Mr. W. R. Rickett.
Messrs. C. S. Speyer, C. A. Steibel, W. G. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart.
Dr. E. Stuart Taylor.
Mr. H. Volker.
Messrs. Wragge, C. D. Wright.

COMPLIMENT TO NORTH.

The assertion that northern children are brighter and work harder than those of the south was made by a London school teacher when applying to the local Education Committee for the post of headmistress at a Middlesborough school.

"I am delighted with the children I have seen at the school," she added.

The committee appointed her.

People have no more right to be ill than they have to be criminals. —Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane.

WOMAN'S DEATH.

INQUIRY INTO A TRAM ACCIDENT.

JURY FINDS NO BLAME.

Major C. Willson, in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury yesterday afternoon held an inquiry into the death of one of two Chinese women who were knocked down by tramcar No. 5 in Des Voeux Road at the junction of Centre Street at 9.35 p.m., on April 16.

The deceased's companion said they were crossing the tram lines hand in hand when something struck them. She was knocked unconscious. She came to leaning against a vegetable stall in Centre Street and was taken to the hospital with deceased in the motor ambulance.

In cross-examination by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for the Tramway Co., witness said she could differentiate between a tram and a motor car, but could not say what struck them. She did not hear any bell or horn sounded. The witness admitted that she had a coat over her head because it was drizzling, but claimed she was able to see. The deceased was not covered by the coat. Witness believed deceased was a little in front of her when they crossed the tram lines.

The tram driver said he first saw the women about 50 feet away and sounded his bell. The women took no notice so he applied the emergency brake, but by that time the car had already struck the women. One of them was removed from under the front part of the car, while the other was knocked clear.

Traffic Inspector Gillard of the Tramway Co., said he inspected the car's brakes and found them in good working order.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury, attaching no blame to any person. They added a rider that the brakes might have been applied earlier.

There are so few complaints that one may doubt whether the policeman is not the chrysalis form of the angelic forces which keep order in the billowy skies above.—Mr. Jack Hayes, M.P.

To begin with hats in their relative size rather than relative importance, the beret, or brimless hat must first be chosen. For the field of hats that will top a smart spring appearance is extremely varied in the new mode.

The brimless hat has never been more important or more becoming than it is this season. It has an effect of width gained by an applied flared section or by a soft folding of the fabric. In the felts, which fashion so many of the newest beret shapes the flared cuffs turn down on either one or both sides, as best suits the wearer.

The turban shapes, while brimless, possess entirely different lines from the beret lines and are equally popular. *Turbans in straw*—generally in black—are frequently of picot straw and are sometimes made lovely by overlapping petals of colourful flowers at the bottom of the turban. Two shades of picot straw smartly interwoven and wound with bands of crepe de chine form another turban of becoming newness. A small toque of woven straw decorated with a quill or two is another favourite of Paris inspiration. Closely knitted rayon straw in turban outlines is another new hat that is smartly trimmed with grosgrain ribbon.

The draped turban appears to advantage, too, in hats of silk combined with supple straws. They give the effect of being wrapped about the head and are smart for formal occasions.

Next in size appears the hat with an irregular brim, or a brim turned up in front or at one side. Brims this spring are not monotonously straight, but are varied in some way. The brims, while turned up *in some cases, are in other instances* smartly cut out in front to give the appearance of an upturned brim. In fact, a new and amusing feature for the spring and summer is the cutting of brims into irregular shapes. The felt hat has not diminished in importance and appears everywhere in the new small brimmed hats. Next in importance comes baku, a linen like straw that is both supple and light. Other straws of a light texture are seen in these new shapes.

Hats that use two colours are smartly worn in both felts and straws. The upturned brim—no matter where it turns up—is usually of the darker colour. Frequently both felt and straw are combined in this fashion. Brims, whether they turn up in front, back or side, or remain fluted in their outlines all around, are both interesting and becoming.

Crowns are seldom simple in their outline. The newest crowns boast a series of tucks, pleats or folds at various points and tend to chic outlines. Pleats and tucks are used with great skill and variety. They are a smart means of fitting the crown to the head and they also soften the somewhat extreme height of many of the newest hats.

The grosgrain ribbon band remains important on most of the new felt hats. The bands may be matching or merely harmonising in tone and sometimes appear in as many as three shades for contrast.

As spring days will lengthen into summer, the hat will undoubtedly *grow larger. Picturesque and distinctly modish* is the broad-brimmed hat that usually appears in fine straws. Combinations of colours, such as pale pink and turquoise, are always important in the large hat as are the trimmings that are simple in feeling. Of course, in the in-between season hats of silk or straw in rather large dimensions are also seen formally.

It is to be noticed that in the new spring hats there frequently appears a feminizing touch of bow, flower or feather. These appear at various places, but usually low on one side.

Anna Q. Nilsson, whose delicate blonde beauty lends itself exceptionally well to the new mode in millinery, is seen wearing a small black felt in her First National film, "Easy Pickings."

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

[SECOND SERIES.]

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9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
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CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAY 9.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Horizontal.

1. As.
4. A short piece of rope or line.
9. To know.
11. A fish of the shark kind.
12. An eruption of the skin.
13. To dissipate.
15. A large antelope of South Africa.
17. Crabbed.
18. Nothing.
20. Self.
21. A deliberative convention.
22. Divisions.
24. Hastily.
25. Elders.
27. Compass point.
28. To line the top of.
29. Petitions.
30. Printers' measure.
32. A grain.
33. To kindle.
34. The nominative plural of the second person.
36. A mineral capable of being cleaved into elastic plates of extreme thinness.
38. Volcano in Sicily.
39. S. L. (Actual).
40. Quartermaster (Abbreviated).
42. One to whom a legacy is bequeathed.
44. N. U. (Actual).
45. (Same as 29 Horizontal).
46. A small roll of tobacco.
47. Girl's name.
49. A small pack saddle.
51. To knit.
53. R. O. L. (Actual).
54. The awn.
57. A planetarium.
59. To plunder.
61. To reach.
62. R. Y. L. (Actua.).
63. Light sword with a narrow blade (Plural).
64. Military decoration (Abb.)

Vertical.

2. To make useful.
3. Furnished With Aisles.
4. Poison.
5. A word of denial.
6. An exclamation.
7. Formed with a surface closely corded.
8. To haul.
9. Welks or withers.
10. An introduction.
13. Performed.
14. To wear out.
16. A spring.
18. Sixteenth of a yard.
19. Unless.
22. Sovereigns.
23. To stammer.
25. To jeopard.
26. A large net for catching fish.
27. Denial.
28. C. O. M. (Actual).
31. Not any.
35. A large stable for horses.
37. Another time.
38. State (French).
39. Procures by collusion.
41. Mean.
43. (Same as 37 vertical).
44. A marine chætopod worm.
45. A spring of mineral water.
48. City in Cambridge.
50. Bustle.
52. Trades.
55. S. P. (Actual).
56. An equal quantity (Medical).
57. O. T. R. (Actual).
58. Sun God.
60. E. P. (Actual).
61. A. E. (Actual).

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

NOTHING NEW.

COMMENT ON THE PIRACY COMMISSION.

LESSON OF THE "SUNNING."

While it is difficult to comment at length on the Report of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission which has just been issued by the Hong Kong Government, the summary of the report as cabled by Reuter gives a clear idea of the main recommendations of the Commission.

It is probable that nothing new in the way of evidence came out, as the actual attack on the "Sunning" was very thoroughly investigated in the course of the police court proceedings, and later the jury trial, in connection with the pirates arrested.

The Commission has obviously discovered nothing new in connection with piracy on the China Coast (says "Shipping and Engineering," Shanghai), but some of its recommendations are deserving of special attention.

What a Tragedy!

Chief and foremost is that which advocates the rescission of the whole of the Hong Kong Piracy Regulations. What a tragedy! And what a nasty blow for the Hong Kong Government.

The Regulations have been in force for exactly three years. They replaced others equally as ill-advised and unsuitable, and were put into operation against the opinion and advice of the people who were really in a position to speak with authority on the piracy question.

The officers have known that the Regulations were grossly unsuitable, and so have the owners; but, in spite of piracy after piracy, the Regulations were still kept intact and inviolable, a semi-permanent monument to the lack of knowledge and understanding of the piracy problem by those who were responsible for their issuance.

Odds of 8 to 1.

The master and officers of any ship pirated are still expected to resist the pirates. After the "Sunning" affair, it may seem comparatively easy;—but the "Sunning" piracy probably taught the pirates a lesson they will never forget, and it is extremely unlikely that the affair will ever be repeated.

This matter of resisting is interesting. There are, on the average, six officers (including the master) on the average China Coast vessel. It is not unreasonable to assume that normally at least two of these six will mostly be asleep.

The numerical strength of the average gang of China Coast pirates is about 32. They are invariably armed. Odds of eight to one!

A Pertinent Question.

Add to this the element of surprise, which invariably must be in favour of the pirates, and the probabilities of successful resistance become very slender.

There are, of course, the armed guards; but we understand that the question of guards is at present so delicate a matter that it will hardly bear being commented on.

But we would ask one question, and one only: During the whole series of piracies in south China waters, which started in December, 1921 and which still continues more or less unchecked, how many instances have there been where armed guards have fully justified their presence or proved worthy of their trust? The answer to that question will supply the best commentary on the usefulness of armed guards.

SKIPPER FINED.

WORKING CARGO ON A SUNDAY.

MAGISTRATE'S RULING.

"If it did not belong to the ship then it must have been cargo."

This was the ruling given this morning by Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., stipendiary magistrate in the Marine Court in the resumed hearing of the charge against Captain Edward Midgley of the river steamer "Tai Lee," of working cargo on a Sunday without a permit.

At the previous hearing, His Worship had put the case back for the second compradore to give evidence.

This morning, the witness said that the eight bags of flour in question were provisions for the passengers. He denied having replied to the Police that freight at 5 cents per bag was collected.

His Worship then asked if the flour belonged to the ship. Witness replied in the negative and the ruling quoted above was then given.

Captain Midgley was fined $150 (or two months).

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVAL.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on May 4 by the "President Lincoln" from Seattle via Japan and Shanghai, were:—Mr. H. Bell, Mr. Chang Day-jung, Mr. Chaw Oi-foo, Mr. M. A. de Carvalho, Mr. Cheung Min, Mr. P. Y. Cheng, Mr. L. C. Chu, Mr. Fan Chee-luk, Mr. S. Fan, Mr. Hoo Yi-shing, Mr. Kan Foon-chang, Mr. Lee J. Nom, Mrs. P. C. Lee, Mr. Leung Wing-suen, Y. P. Lu, Mr. M. S. Lum, Mr. G. Moolchand, Mr. Otto Morgenstein, Mr. Pang Tung-yuen Mr. P. Parsiani, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Richards, Mr. E. T. Singer, Mr. S. F. Tan, Mr. Wong Chee, Mr. Samuel S. Wong, Mr. Yee Chow-shan, Mr. Yeung Yuk-kwan.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

For going abreast of five similar craft already in position alongside the s.s. "Tokyo Maru," the mistress of a cargo-boat was fined $5 at the Marine Court this morning.

MESSBOY DROWNED.

On arrival here from Seattle, the "President Lincoln" reported that Ng Wun, a messboy, lost his reason, jumped overboard and is presumed to have been drowned.

A Chinese passenger on the ship died from tuberculosis.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 72 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 25 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 19 arrivals (7 British) and 10 departures (6 British).

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain R. Purslow, of the "Suiyang," is on reserve.

Captain W. Lumsden, of the "Kanchow," has gone master, "Suiyang."

Captain C. E. Fisher, from reserve, has gone master, "Kanchow."

Mr. T. McKechnie, chief engineer, "Szechuen," is on reserve.

Mr. R. Carruthers, second engineer, "Anking," has gone acting chief engineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. A. MacKenzie, acting chief engineer, "Kwangtung," has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Mr. A. B. Easron, chief engineer, "Luchow," has gone chief engineer, "Kanchow."

Mr. J. E. Haig, chief engineer, "Kanchow," has gone chief engineer, "Luchow."

Mr. G. Atkinson, second engineer, "Kanchow," has gone second engineer, "Anking."

Mr. W. W. Brown, acting chief engineer, "Suitai," has gone acting chief engineer, "Linan."

Captain S. J. Barden, from reserve, has gone master, "Siangwo."

Mr. R. E. Smith, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Changwo."

Mr. N. Richardson, second officer, "Changwo," has gone acting chief officer, "Tungwo."

Mr. R. G. Gillespie, sup'y second officer, "Tingsang," has gone sup'y second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. D. C. Woods, sup'y second officer, "Kungwo," has gone sup'y second officer, "Hangsang."

Mr. C. J. A. H. Hendry, chief officer, "Kingwo," has gone sup'y chief officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. T. Fairbairn, chief officer, "Kungwo," is on reserve.

Mr. A. M. Maloney, acting second engineer, "Kutwo," has gone second engineer, "Kungwo."

Mr. D. A. Macbean, second engineer, "Kungwo," has resigned.

Mr. W. Cox, chief engineer, "Tai Hing," is on reserve.

Mr. G. C. White, second engineer, "Tai Hing," has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. G. Rode, second engineer, "Phranang," has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. W. A. McLean, second engineer, "Pheumpenh," is on reserve.

Mr. R. A. Black, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Kochow."

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COLLISION CASE.

European Officers On Steamers.

TO-DAY'S FINAL HEARING.

Reference to the fact that a European master and an engineer on a local vessel were not actually in charge of their craft was made at the Marine Court of Inquiry this morning, when the hearing was resumed of the case of collision between the British river steamers "Wing On" and "Anjou," both on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon run.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones (representing Captain C. Mutton of the "Wing On"), in summing up, maintained that the fact of the "Anjou" being controlled by the No. 1 pilot at the time of the collision (off Whangmoon Customs station on April 20) and of the 3rd engineer (a Chinese) being in charge of the engine-room, did have a certain bearing on the case and on the value of the evidence. He claimed that Captain Mutton, with his professional skill and knowing that his certificate would be jeopardised, was the more likely to have handled his boat in a seamanlike manner.

Value of the Rough Log.

Evidence was given this morning by Ip Chu (3rd engineer) and Chan Mun (2nd engineer) of the "Anjou," the latter producing his rough engine room log.

Lai Mun-sam of Messrs. A. Fong, swore to a photograph taken of the "Anjou's" stern.

Mr. G. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co.) appeared for Captain J. Webster of the "Anjou."

Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President of the Court) examined the 2nd engineer with regard to the rough log.

The President described the log as "absolutely and utterly unreliable" as the symbols in it were capable of several interpretations.

An argument ensued with Mr. Fitzroy and, subsequently, the President accepted the reading of the "hieroglyphics" as given by the witness.

First Duty After Collision.

The question was also raised as to some of the writing in the book, the President stating that in his opinion, some of the words were written in two pencils.

Answering Lt.-Comdr. L. J. Pitcairn Jones, R.N. (H.M.S. "Hawkins," who was one of the members of the Court), the 2nd engineer said that on being called to the engine room after the collision, he considered it his first duty to copy into his rough log, the entries on the blackboard in the engine room.

The President announced that the 2nd engineer's certificate had no standing in the Court.

The 3rd engineer did not at any time on April 20 see the chief engineer (British) in the engine room; the 2nd engineer said he saw him once.

Ships as Straight Lines.

While Mr. Fitzroy was summing up, the President pointed out that all along in the Inquiry, neither side had referred to the width of the respective ships and had treated the ships as straight lines.

In his final address to the Court, Mr. Fitzroy submitted that the account as given by the "Wing On" was "absolutely ridiculous" and that no seaman could possibly do what was alleged by the "Wing On." Demonstrating with models, Mr. Fitzroy argued that according to the positions given by the "Wing On," the "Anjou" would have to go a third of a mile astern in five minutes to strike the "Wing On," and the "Anjou" had no cause whatsoever to do so.

In his reply, Mr. Hugh Jones said that his side were not concerned as to whether Captain Webster was in charge of his ship or not.

"Too Much Stern-way."

Mr. Hugh Jones's argument was that the "Anjou," in swinging round, had too much stern-way on, causing her to strike the "Wing On" with her stern. He also referred to the events after the collision, basing on them a request that the Court find that the "Wing On" could not have struck the "Anjou" head on, but that there must have been an angle.

The Court, in addition to those already named, comprised Captain W. S. Shearer (s.s. "Halvard"), Captain D. Ritchie (s.s. "Kiungchow") and Captain T. M. Meyrich (s.s. "Mausang").

After the final addresses, the Court rose to consider the finding.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The B.I. s.s. "Takliwa" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow evening, and is due here on May 7, at about noon.

DECK CARGO.

INTERESTING FRENCH DECISION.

SHIPOWNERS SUCCESSFUL.

The Northern Shipowners' Association report in their last circular a very interesting case in which the charter-party and the bill of lading were inconsistent with the York-Antwerp Rules.

The charter-party, which was a French syndicate form, contained the usual clause: "General average, if any, to be settled according to York-Antwerp Rules, 1890." The captain, however, was presented with a bill of lading containing the following clause:—"In case of average the same to be settled according to Y. A. Rules, 1890, excepting that jettison of deck-cargo and the freight thereon for the common safety shall be allowed as general average."

The captain, it is pointed out, was not aware that this latter condition was altogether different from the corresponding clause in the charter-party, and in good faith he signed the bill of lading. On the voyage vessel met with bad weather, and about seven standards of the deck cargo had to be jettisoned. According to the average adjustment which was made up in consequence hereof the vessel had to pay about £100 contribution to general average, which would not have been the case if the bill of lading had been identical with the charter-party as far as this point is concerned. As is well known, jettison of deck cargo is not allowed as general average under the old York-Antwerp Rules.

Charterers' Stand.

If a third party comes into possession of such a bill of lading he is, of course, entitled to maintain his right on the basis of his document, and also claim from the ship. This was, however, not so in the case referred to. The cargo was not sold and the bill of lading was not endorsed to a third party. The charterers themselves were the receivers, and they simply deducted the amount, in their settlement of the freight, maintaining that they were entitled to do so according to the terms of the bill of lading. As they refused to pay, the case was brought before the Tribunal at Brest, where judgment was given against the owner. The Northern Shipowners' Association disapproved of this judgment, and the case was brought before the Court of Appeal at Rennes.

The point at issue was whether a charterer is entitled to make an alteration in a clear and undisputable contract entered into by him and the owner simply by submitting to the captain a bill of lading containing other conditions than agreed upon in the charter-party and by obtaining the captain's signature simply on account of inadvertence on the part of the captain.

According to the first judgment it would be possible, according to French law, to have a contract altered in this arbitrary manner, but the Court of Appeal gave judgment in favour of the owners. The court laid it down that the charter-party under the circumstances could not be overruled; also that between the owner and the charterers the bill of lading could only be considered as captain's receipt for the cargo, and where there was any inconsistency between the charter and the bill of lading then the first document must be predominating. The fact that the captain had signed a bill of lading with conditions contrary to those of the charter-party could not do away with the same, unless the captain had obtained the authority of the owner to alter the contract. The charterers had therefore to pay the amount with interest and costs.

SWEDISH MERCHANT FLEET.

According to statistics which have just been issued by the Swedish Board of Trade, the tonnage of the merchant fleet of that country in 1925 was greater than that at any previous period. At the close of that year the fleet consisted of 1,417,340 gross tons, or 13.6 per cent. more than the pre-war maximum. The share of motorships has greatly increased, mainly as a result of the inclusion of the large motorships, the Gripsholm, Svealand and Amerikaland.

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June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 2	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 8
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 9	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 15
June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	P'mth-C'brg	July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	P'mth-C'brg	Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 16
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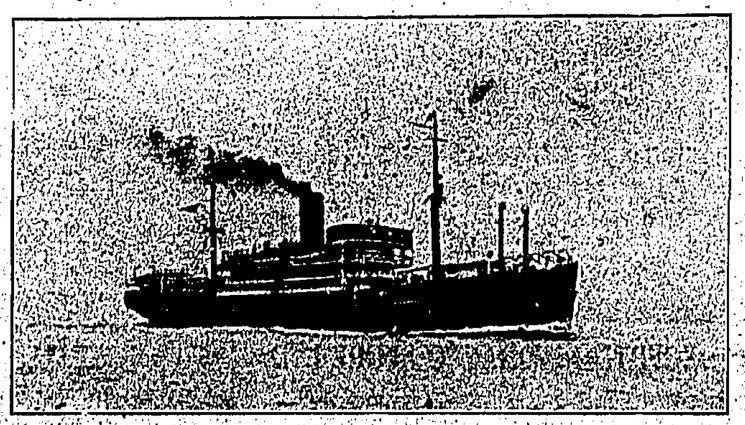

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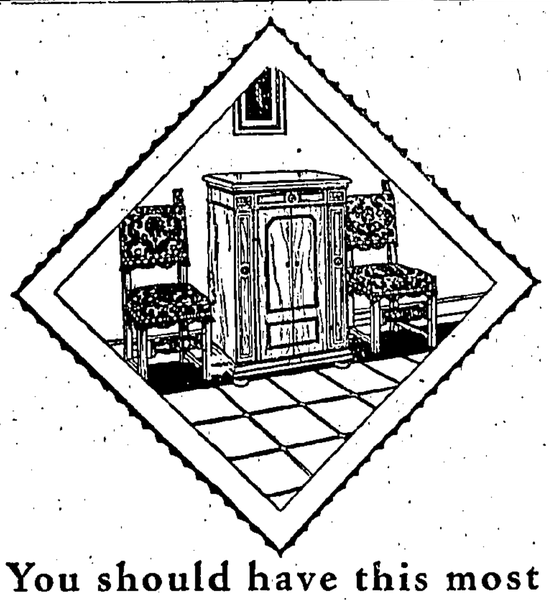

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STRAWS IN THE WIND?

Fears that the debate on the Trade Union Bill would leave Parliament no time for China are set at rest to-day. The cables we publish this afternoon show that China, so far from being forgotten, even for a few days, is being kept in the forefront of Parliament's business. Yesterday there was a fresh batch of questions in the House of Commons. The most important of these was undoubtedly the query raised by Commander Kenworthy regarding the Nanking sanctions, alike for the graveness of the subject and for the answer it drew. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, instead of shelving the matter by making the usual reply that he had no further information, etc., said he hoped to make a statement shortly, and asked Commander Kenworthy to repeat on Monday his further question whether the House would have an opportunity to discuss any sanctions before they were enforced. Why did Sir Austen Chamberlain make this request? There are several possible answers. The most likely one is that the Government is now busy with the question of sanctions, and expects to have its final plans ready before Monday next. Whether these sanctions are to be enforced by British alone or by all the Powers acting under a common policy is of course a matter beyond guessing. But there can be no doubt about the new note which is creeping into Government utterances regarding China. To-day again we have an echo of it—from the House Lords. Replying to a Labour peer, that veteran statesman, the Earl of Balfour, pointed out the futility of arbitration in China. How were we going to arbitrate in the Chinese question, asked the Earl of Balfour, and with whom were we going to arbitrate? When we were dealing with a vast organisation without a government, such as China, no method could be discovered better than using force to defend ourselves against wrong. Even in its condensed cable form it seems easy to read between the lines of the Earl of Balfour's speech. Like the cryptic remarks made by Sir Austen Chamberlain, first about the reoccupying of the former British Concession at Hankow and now about the Nanking sanctions, the Earl of Balfour's speech may have no special meaning at all, but on the other hand it may be a straw in the wind—the wind which seems to be veering round from patience and conciliation in the face of every insult and outrage to firmness in protecting our remaining rights and exacting just reparation for past injury.

THE JAPANESE DIET.

Tokyo, May 4.

For the first time since he ascended the Throne the new Emperor opened the Diet session to-day—the first time for a decade that the Emperor has attended the opening ceremony in person.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which lasted barely ten minutes, the Lower House held its first session, only electing committees and leaving over special business for to-morrow when Baron Tanaka, Premier, will announce the Government's foreign and financial policies and present the relief bills for the purpose of which the Diet has been convened. —Reuter.

COOLIE'S SPINE BROKEN.

A cargo coolie died in hospital this morning from a fractured spine. He was working cargo in a lighter yesterday afternoon when a bag of rice slipped off the sling and fell on him.

Seven gas pipes worth $20 were stolen yesterday from No. 7 Military General Hospital (Diocesan Boys' School Building).

A Chinese working at the Rope Factory, Kennedy Town, had his right hand injured yesterday through it being drawn into the machinery. He was taken to the hospital.

STREET SCUFFLE.

CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN GUARD.

UNFIT TO HAVE FIREARMS.

An Indian guard was charged before Major Willson this morning with assaulting a Chinese yesterday.

Lai Man, a foki of the Man Fook Co., was the complainant. He said that sometime between 9 and 10 a.m., yesterday, he went over to the Kwong Man Tai firm, a few doors away, on business. As he was returning he noticed the accused and another Indian engaged in horse play, pushing one another on the footpath. When witness attempted to pass them he was pushed by the accused and fell down. He was naturally very angry and remonstrated with the accused telling him that being a "policeman" he should have known better than to behave in such a childish manner. Remarking "how dare you be so saucy as to address me like that" accused struck complainant with his carbine. Complainant took hold of the accused's coat whereupon accused pointed his rifle at him. Another Chinese then got out of his car to enquire what the trouble was about and accused struck this man, the latter running into a shop for safety. Witness then returned to his shop and telephoned to Central Police Station.

Replying to Mr. W. le Bart Sparrow, Assistant Superintendent of Police, complainant said he did not know if accused's rifle was loaded, but he saw the Indian was holding two bullets in his hand.

After hearing other witnesses for the prosecution and the explanation given by accused, who claimed that complainant began the scuffle by bumping into him, the Magistrate said he was satisfied with the evidence for the prosecution. Accused was not a fit person to be entrusted with a carbine and ammunition, and would be fined $50.

His Worship instructed Mr. Sparrow to communicate his opinion to the Captain Superintendent of Police.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" IN REPERTOIRE.

TREAT FOR HONG KONG.

The Wilbur Players who have met with such phenomenal success in Shanghai where they are at present in their fourth week, and close there on the 14th of May and sail direct for here on the "Empress of Canada" on the 15th., opening at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on the 18th have some great successes in their repertoire, including "Abie's Irish Rose."

Five years ago Ann Nichols, a struggling playwright, went to Oliver Morosco in Los Angeles with a manuscript. She discussed the story contained therein at length with the famous producer. At last he consented to a reading. He listened to the tale of woe or of trials and tribulations between the Irish and Hebrew families in the piece, shaking his head at times, nodding at other times. At the conclusion of the reading he said he would give it a "showing."

That was "Abie's Irish Rose," to be offered local audiences at the Star Theatre. He did give it a showing at the Morosco Theatre in Los Angeles. It made a fairly good impression on the critics—but that was all. On the audience it was different. It was a great hit. The house was jammed with patrons during the remainder of the week.

The Morosco runs of two, three and six weeks' duration had been a habit or a custom. "Abie's Irish Rose" started in to break all these, as well as box office records. It did. The play continued indefinitely—continued for one year—and Los Angeles leaped into the realm of big town theatricals.

It was taken to San Francisco, where it again established a record. Ultimately it reached Broadway in New York, and no other play in history has been so successful. It is only one of many time plays that comprise the repertoire of the Wilbur Players, just arrived from three solid years together in dramatic stock.

Other numbers in the Wilbur repertoire are "Rain," "The Rosary," "The Whole Town's Talking," "Do Foolish Wives Pay," "Cappy Ricks," "The High Cost of Loving," "Spooks," "Alias the Deacon," "The Family Upstairs," "Why Men Leave Home," and "The Girl From Child's."

"The Play's the thing," is Mr. Wilbur's motto, as well as Shakespeare's, and in arranging his programmes for the Orient, he picked the best comedies and dramas, the greatest successes, the most notable plays on the American stage. All are sure-fire and all will entertain—but none of them are alike.

A great week of joy is in store for Hong Kong theatre-goers during the showing of "Abie's Irish Rose" at the Star Theatre.

MR. G. W. KEETON.

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION'S FAREWELL.

TRIBUTES BY STUDENTS.

The Association of Past and Present Commercial Students gave a farewell tea party yesterday to their Hon. Vice-President, Mr. G. W. Keeton, who is leaving the Colony on May 14.

A group photograph was taken before the function, which was held in the University Union assembly room.

The Chairman, Mr. Theng Khay-hua, paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Keeton's genial personality and his lack of any trait of superiority-complex, a feature which often affected many learned, great and also well-meaning men.

Mr. B. M. Talati, the Graduate Secretary, mentioned that he had the privilege of knowing Mr. Keeton since his arrival in Hong Kong and also of attending his lectures in Jurisprudence and Law, and had found in him a true friend and one who took a personal interest in each of his students.

True Friend of China.

Mr. Talati also referred to the keen interest Mr. Keeton has taken in the welfare of the Association and the University in general and expressed the hope that Mr. Keeton may one day be able to fulfil his ambition of organising a Law School in the University.

Mr. Wei Tat spoke very highly about Mr. Keeton's deep knowledge and the study he has made of China and her legal system and said that in him the Chinese had a true friend—one who tried to understand her needs and added that it is such persons that are wanted at the present moment to bring about a better understanding between the East and the West.

Mr. Lim Peng-tiong dwelt on Mr. Keeton's sociable nature and his rare gift of making friends with all those he came into contact with, and wished him a very bright and happy future.

Mr. Keeton's Reply.

Mr. Keeton, in replying, thanked the speakers for all the kind words they had said about him. He was sorry to find that he had to leave the Colony. He said that the more he knew about China, the more interest he took in her and the more he came to like her. He also referred to his happy associations with all his students, past and present, and assured them that he would never forget the three happy years he has spent among them.

In conclusion, Mr. Keeton thanked the members for the honour they had done him and hoped to be able to meet them again either in England or in Hong Kong.—Contributed.

PIECE GOODS.

A CASE OF FAILING TO TAKE DELIVERY.

THE WAH ON FIRM SUED.

Failure to take delivery of contract orders led to the suing in the Summary Court this morning of the Wah On firm, of 11 Wing On Street, judgment being given in two claims against them.

One suit was that of Robertson Wilson Co. for $697, damages sufferred by reason of a breach of contract in respect of a case of six pieces of woollen suiting and a case of thirty pieces of printed sateen, which according to contract were to be taken delivery of within four months of arrival. The contract prices totalled $2,003.56 and the goods were sold for $1,306.14.

Judgment was given for the balance.

The other claim was for twenty pieces of Meltons, the suit being brought by the Hong Kong Trading Company for $686.69, losses sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the defendants' breach of contract in failing to take delivery.

Judgment for plaintiffs for this amount was given.

Mr. W. D. Owen, for defendants, admitted both claims.

GALLANT FIGHT.

JUNK BEATS OFF PIRATE CRAFT.

An attempted piracy on April 10 was reported by the master of a trading junk on the vessel's return to port yesterday. The junk was on the trip to Kit Shek in Chinese territory with a cargo of 72 piculs of rice and 73 piculs of salt fish. When near Ming Shan, in Pinghoi district, she was fired upon by five Hoklo boat at 250 yards range. The side of the junk was riddled with rifle bullets. The fire was returned with an old cannon. Altogether eight shots were fired, each following a volley from the pirates. One shot knocked the sail off one of the strangers, a second ball hit the bow of another boat, while a third shot landed in the middle of one of the other hostile boats. After an hour's fighting the pirates realized that they were having the worse of the exchanges and made off in the direction of Pinghoi. None of the junk's crew was injured.

The master of a leather shop in Lascar Row reports that a foki absconded yesterday with $370 entrusted to him to pay some accounts.

GRAVE RIOTS.

FATAL BRAWL AFTER A FUNERAL.

INDIAN RELIGIOUS STRIFE.

Lahore, May 4.

Serious rioting followed on the death of three Muslims in a brawl near Dabibazar. A Muslim crowd paraded the principal street in Anarkali, shouting Allan Oakbar and persuading their co-religionists to observe a hartal.

Subsequently thousands accompanied the funeral procession. On returning therefrom the disturbances broke out. Up to the present ten dead and 30 injured have been brought in.

Drastic measures have been taken by the district magistrate, including "proclamation" against assembly of over four persons, publicly prohibiting the carrying of lathis. The proclamation is operable for a month.

The magistrates have been quartered with the troops and have been instructed after due warning to order firing in the event of life being endangered or the risk of an outbreak of fires.—Reuter.

REBELS KILLED.

MEXICAN TRAIN OUTRAGE SEQUEL.

Mexico City, May 4.

Eighty-six rebels have been killed and several bands have been dispersed or exterminated in three States.

It is known that one of the bands participated in the train outrage at Limon.—Reuter's American Service.

[One of the worst bandit outrages in Mexico's stormy history occurred in Limon (Jalisco) when 130 train passengers and an escort of seventeen soldiers were slaughtered or burnt to death. The outlaws, after derailing the engine and butchering the escort, locked the passengers in the coaches which were then soaked in petrol and kerosene and set afire. The outlaws shot the victims as they attempted to escape from the blazing wreck. President Calles ordered the Minister of War personally to take charge of the operations against the bandits—to take them dead or alive.]

RAILWAY DISASTER.

TRAIN CARRYING NOTABLES COLLIDES.

Madrid, May 4.

Only a few minutes after the train conveying the Royal Family to Madrid from Seville passed the spot an express train carrying numerous well known persons, including the Portuguese Ambassador, returning from the fetes at Seville, collided with a goods train thirty miles west of Cordova.

Two were killed and several injured.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George were among the visitors at Seville and were due to join the royal train at Cordova, hence they were in nowise involved in the accident.—Reuter.

"HIS LIFE FOR A FRIEND."

"He gave his life for a friend," is the epitaph placed on a cross over the grave in the cemetery at Burutu, West Africa, of Quartermaster Bartholomew Brown, of Liverpool, who served on the Elder, Dempster steamer "Ediba." His gallant act was described at the Sailors' Home, when presentations of Royal Humane Society's testimonials were made by Mr. A. H. Bibby to Mr. Fred. L. James, third officer, and Mr. John Cain, quartermaster. The father of Brown was handed the "In Memoriam" parchment awarded to his dead son.

Dr. F. F. Bond, surgeon of the Ediba, had been attending to cases of sickness in the S.S. Burutu, and was returning at night, when he slipped off the gangway into water infested by reptiles. Dr. Bond was saved, but Quartermaster Brown lost his life.

POLICE CENSOR MORALS.

The Hungarian Government (says a Central News Budapest message) recently published a public morality decree. Powers were given to the police to examine plays and revues in the theatres and to forbid the insertion of immoral articles in the press.

This aroused the indignation of theatre managers and authors, who protested against the rights of the police to be the censors of public morality. The police, however, continued their campaign.

Six young college girls were recently stopped in the street and ordered to return to their homes, as their dresses were too short and their stocking were to "loud."

In their newly found zeal the police penetrated into dance-halls and banned the Charleston and the Black Bottom. Only dances which have long since become obsolete were allowed.

SUGAR REFINERY THEFT.

Mr. Robert MacAlly of the China Sugar Refinery had a gold watch and chain worth $100 stolen from his coat which he left hanging in the sugar house yesterday afternoon.

WAR DEBTS.

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$628,000,000 Deficit.

The Note describes as "inaccurate, both as regarding the past and the future" Mr. Mellon's figures regarding Britain's receipts from reparations and inter-allied debts. It states that from first April (?) 1924 (?) to December 31, 1926, Great Britain has paid $8,028,500,000 in respect of debts to the United States Government, whereas the sums received by Great Britain on account of reparations, Belgian war debt and Allied war debts up to the same date, amount to $200,000,000, leaving a deficit of $628,500,000 or £129,500,000.

During the first two years of the operation of the Dawes plan, 1924 to 1926, Britain's receipts from reparations, including the Belgian war debt and the Allied war debts combined, fell short of the British payments to the United States by $243,000,000.

Regarding the last financial year, the United Kingdom's share in the third Dawes annuity was £12,000,000 and her receipts from inter-allied war debts were £8,500,000 as against payments to the United States of £33,000,000.

The Current Year.

During the current year her receipts from the fourth Dawes annuity should amount to £14,500,000 and inter-Allied war debts £10,500,000 as against the payment of £33,000,000 to the United States.

The share of the United Kingdom in the fifth and subsequent Dawes annuity should amount to £22,400,000, and this together with the payments from inter-Allied war debts will, assuming the French war debt agreement to have been ratified, and neglecting part of the deficits in the British receipts as compared with payments, would be sufficient to cover the current payments due to the United States Government.

Whether the payments from the Dawes annuities included in these calculations will in fact be received depends upon whether it is found possible to transfer the full amount provided for by the Dawes plan.

But even if the full Dawes payments continue to be received for sixty years from now onwards, the present value of receipts of Great Britain from reparations and Allied war debts together would be less than that of the payments she was obliged to make to the United States Government on account of the British War Debt, assuming interest at five per cent. to be added to the payments and receipts in the past and future payments and receipts to be discounted at the same rate.

BRITAIN POLICY.

Not To Make a Profit on War Debts.

The Note proceeds: "It is quite true that the British Government have frequently declared that their policy is to recover such sums in respect of their war loans to their Allies as with their reparation receipts will suffice to cover the annual payments which they have to make to the United States, but this situation has not yet been reached, and up to the present the British taxpayer has had to find the greater part of the payments to the United States from his own resources, even after applying all receipts from reparations and inter-Allied debts to this purpose and using more of these receipts as set off against the interest which has to be paid on the loans raised in Great Britain, out of which advances were made to Allies.

A Lenient Creditor.

"In no circumtsances will Great Britain receive from reparations and inter-Allied war debts, taken together, more than she pays to America. The policy of the British Government on this subject has been repeatedly declared. It is not their desire to retain for Britain anything out of the receipts from reparations and inter-Allied war debts.

"In the event of receipts from inter-Allied war debts and reparations exceeding the payments made by them to the United States Government, they have undertaken to reduce proportionately the payments to be made to Britain in respect of inter-Allied war indebtedness, and provision to this effect appears in the various war debt pending agreements which the British Government have signed."

DOUBLE BURDEN.

British Advances To Allied Governments.

Dealing with other points the Note recalls that the British taxpayer, apart from payments made to the United States Government, has had to meet a large market for debts incurred by the British Treasury in the United States. A sum of £140,000,000 has been paid on this head.

Moreover, in addition to paying their own debts to the United States, the British people are sustaining the full charge for advances made by the British Government to Allied Governments for the purchase of necessary commodities during the war, not only in Great Britain, but also in neutral countries.

No Hope of Relief.

The sums thus lent amounted to a net total of £1,850,000,000, which with interest increased during the war period, amounted on July first 1920 (?) to over £4,450,000,000, or nearly double the debt the British Government had themselves contracted at that time with the United States.

This amount the British Government borrowed from their own nationals and the British taxpayer has had to pay interest on it at over five per cent each year since, thus making a total annual payment of £72,500,000, which will continue until the debt is paid off by further and additional contributions from British taxpayers. No relief on this burden can be looked for from the receipts from reparation and Allied war debts.

Contrast With America.

"Whereas the United States Government is receiving from Germany a share of the Dawes annuities estimated to cover its reparation claims in full, and at the same time obtains from Great Britain repayment with interest at three per cent. of the full amount of the war loans it advanced to this country, Great Britain will retain for herself nothing of any of the payments she receives in respect either of reparations or of inter-Allied war debts, but will apply all her receipts towards part payment of her liabilities to the United States. Any balance that remains she will pay out of her own resources, and in any case she will have to support the entire burden of her war losses, and of the war loans she herself made to her Allies.—British Wireless Service.

WASHINGTON SURPRISED.

State Department Studying The Note.

Washington, May 4.

The presentation of the British war debts Note to the United States Government has surprised official Washington, as the letter by Mr. Mellon to the President of the Princeton University was considered by the State Department to have made the position of the United States perfectly clear.

Reuter is informed that the State Department is closely studying the Note and no statement can be made regarding the Note till this study has been completed.

It is expected that the State Department will issue an explanatory statement by Mr. Mellon setting forth the American Government's viewpoint.

Mr. Mellon, pressed to express an opinion, declined to say anything at present.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. MELLON'S MESSAGE.

No Reconsideration By America.

Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, replying on March 16 to manifestoes signed by members of the Faculties of Columbia and Princeton Universities, urging reconsideration of the settlement of the inter-Allied debts on the ground that the settlement hitherto reached do not meet the actual situation, said the reopening of the question would be a step backward "calculated to produce discord and confusion rather than contribute to economic stability and orderly betterment of world prosperity." Asserting that a nation is hardly likely to deserve and maintain the respect of other countries by sacrificing its own just claims, Mr. Mellon declared that cancellation of the debts owed to the United States would not of itself change the dislike with which the professors of Columbia and Princeton Universities alleged Europeans regarded the United States.

Hundreds of Millions.

Mr. Mellon declared that the reopening of the question would encourage French opposition to the ratification of the Franco-American debt funding agreement. He admitted that an argument could be adduced in favour of writing off the debts incurred after America's entry into the war to the extent that these were incurred for contributions to a common cause but this argument could only apply if the proposed adjustment were mutual and applied to all on a strictly equal basis.

He pointed out that while the Allies bought supplies in America on credit the United States sought supplies and services from France and the British Empire "by hundreds of millions," and paid cash, but nowhere had it been suggested that if the debts were to be cancelled the United States should be reimbursed for the dollars actually spent by them in France and Britain. He concluded declaring that the sums paid to the United States would not come from taxation but would be more than met by payments exacted from Germany by the Powers.

PRESS VIEWS.

The Necessity of Combating Prejudice.

London, May 5.

The British Note to America meets with strong approval in the Press where emphasis is laid on the friendliness of the Note and on the necessity of combating the prejudice done to Britain in Europe by Mr. Mellon's mistaken assertions.

The "Morning Post" trusts Mr. Mellon will see fit to withdraw his erroneous statements.

The "Times" says it is particularly regrettable that Mr. Mellon should have appeared to sacrifice to the demands of domestic polemics a scrupulous accuracy he might so easily have observed with regard to Britain.—Reuter.

SWATOW DANGER.

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Nanking Sanctions.

He asked Comdr. Kenworthy to repeat on Monday his question whether the House would have an opportunity to discuss any sanctions before they were enforced.

Replying to Mr. Thorne Sir Austen Chamberlain said there was no Power least of all Britain, which would not, if it could, contribute to settlement of the civil war in China.

Mr. Thorne: "Will it go on for ever?"

Sir Austen Chamberlain "As long as the Chinese continue to fight one another."—Reuter.

FORCE THE ONLY MEANS.

The Earl of Balfour And China.

London, May 4.

In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Parmoor (Labour) on a discussion regarding the League of Nations, Lord Balfour, Lord President of the Council, asked how were they going to arbitrate in the Chinese question and with whom?

He thought that events in China had proved that universal arbitration was an imperfect weapon to preserve universal peace.

We were forced to despatch a considerable force to deal with a situation in which arbitration could not have done the least good or contributed to the smallest degree to preserve international peace and prevent bloodshed.

What was proceeding in China might well give pause to those who thought that by legislation for honourable governments who really represented organised peoples they were thereby making a perfect world.

When they were dealing with vast organisations without a government, such as China, no method could be discovered better than using force to defend themselves against wrong.—Reuter.

FORCES FOR CHINA.

What The Powers Have Sent.

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said that since April 13 the United States had sent to China one transport, two submarine tenders and twelve submarines. Japan had sent two cruisers and sixteen destroyers. France had sent one cruiser and one despatch boat. In addition to her naval forces, France had sent about 1,300 troops. Japan had sent a division to Manchuria. He had reason to believe that further troops were intended to be sent or were being sent.—Reuter.

Another French Cruiser.

Paris, May 4.

Simultaneously with the forthcoming departure of Admiral Stotz to China, the French naval forces in the Far East will be reinforced by another large cruiser and three of the latest type sloops, while the despatch of another white and another Annamite battalion to China is being considered.—Reuter.

SIR JOHN SIMON.

Warm Approval of Cabinet's China Policy.

Warm approval of the Government's policy in China was expressed by Sir John Simon, K.C., M.P. (L., Spen Valley), to his constituents at Cleckheaton, Yorkshire. He said:

'I must proclaim myself profoundly grateful to the Government for the prompt action they have taken in sending a force to Shanghai, not to take sides in any armed conflict, but to protect the International Settlements from the horrors which would follow invasion by undisciplined mobs. (Cheers.)

"I think it is the duty of every politician who feels as I do, whatever his party, to say this now. I would despise myself if, at a time like this, when British lives and innocent people are in danger, I merely registered a tepid approval of British precautions, and reserved to myself the opportunity, if it seemed a party advantage to do so, to condemn the Government for sending troops."

WEATHER FORECAST.

E. or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast, some rain and fog, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon tomorrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: Barometer, 29.77, temperature 71, humidity 95, Wind East, Force 3, weather overcast.

"MARE NOSTRUM."

POWERFUL IBANEZ FILM DRAMA.

QUEEN'S BIG FEATURE.

What is a happy ending? The following, briefly outlined in cold, matter of fact language, would hardly appear to qualify. Capt. Ulysses Ferragut loses his son through his own action in acting as a tool that enabled a German submarine during the World War to take fuel to Mediterranean waters, his action being due to his infatuation with a beautiful Austrian spy.

His love is returned and the beautiful Freya, hearing of the submarine's attack on a peaceful passenger steamer, denounces the cause that could sanction such barbarity and is betrayed to France by her former associates. She suffers the extreme penalty and is thus united in death with Ulysses who is torpedoed whilst engaged on a dangerous mission undertaken with a view to the revenge of his son's death and the expiation of his own mistakes.

It is certainly a powerful and daring climax, with Ulysses sinking beneath the waves, to be received into the arms of Aphrodite —"Mother of the Sea"—and it is only a director of the ability and genius of an Ingram who would attempt it and produce the results Ingram has shewn.

It is, in fact, the only ending that one feels could possibly do justice to the preceding events of this powerful Vicente Blasco Ibanez drama. If it is not a happy ending in the generally accepted sense of the term it is a beautiful ending, admirably treated.

The scenes above and below the sea, featuring submarines and the sinking of ships, are wonderfully due and the only feeling of doubt that one is left with is as to the exact significance of the symbolic resemblance between Freya and Aphrodite in regard to which certain aspects of the story seem to lead one to expect a more convincing conclusion.

This film is the main feature at the Queen's until Saturday.

AT THE STAR.

"COMPROMISE" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

"Compromise" starring Irene Rich finds that talented and charming actress again in the role of the neglected wife. She plays Joan Trevore, a Cinderella half-sister of Pauline Garon, whose favourite sport as Nathalie Trevore, is spoiling Joan's good time.

Nathalie persists in this childhood habit with Alan Thayer, played by Clive Brook, while he is Joan's sweetheart and even after he becomes Joan's husband. With only the weapons of a sweet-tempered, conscientious idealist, Joan fights the jazz-hound, shimmying tactics of imperious Nathalie and her faithful satellites. Miss Rich was never lovelier, or gave a more dramatic performance than in this characterisation.

The remainder of the supporting cast is also excellent and includes Winter Hall, as Joan's lovable old father; Helen Dunbar as her catty stepmother; and Raymond McKee as "Cholly" of the silly simper and Nathalie's pet. Louise Fazenda and Frank Butler, as the Swedish maid and butler, are responsible for the wealth of comedy in the production.

YESTERDAY'S HEALTH RETURN.

Two cases of small-pox (Chinese) were notified yesterday, one from the City and one from Kowloon.

There were also notified a case of diphtheria and four cases of typhoid fever (all Chinese).

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE CAVE MAN" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

A film version of the well-known Gilette Burgess story, has as its stars Matt Moore and Marie Prevost, and was directed by Lewis Milestone.

Miss Prevost plays Myra Gaylord, a beautiful and bored society girl in search of a thrill. Matt Moore, as Mike Smagg, a coal heaver, provides the thrill when she begins to train him for a social career. He becomes a social lion in spite of his crude ways, which are attributed to his eccentricity, and Myra realises that she has fallen in love with him.

When he is turned down by a rich young flapper, he turns back to his old friends who taunt him to fury. It is then he realises it is Myra he loves and he comes back to tell her she has ruined his life and to marry her.

John Patrick Myrna Loy, Phyllis Haver and Hedda Hopper all give noteworthy performances.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 5—Queen's Theatre; "Mare Nostrum."

May 5—World Theatre; "The Cave Man."

May 5—Star Theatre; "Iren Rich in Compromise".

May 6—Annual dinner (Engineer Co.), H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 8 p.m.

May 13—Smoking concert at Volunteer Headquarters 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

May 5, 7—V.R.C. amateur boxing tournament, 6 and 9 p.m. respectively.

May 5-6—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, 2 p.m. each day.

May 7—Fifth annual athletic sports meeting at the Cheung Chau football ground, commencing 11.30 a.m.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

May 8—Fifth annual athletic sports meeting of South China Athletic Assen., Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, noon.

May 11—Exhibition Tennis, H.K.C.C., 4 p.m., for M.C.L.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Auctions.

May 6—At Messrs. Lammert Bros.' sales room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

May 10—At Messrs. Lammert Bros.' sales room, a valuable collection of Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings.

May 6—Annual meeting of Worshippers at the Peak Church in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

May 7—Third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

May 9—Officers' Mess Meeting H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

May 10—Meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency, Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

May 14—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.'s thirtieth meeting, St. George's Bldg., noon.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first meeting of British Trader's Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 5—Weekly lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, 7 Duddell St., 6 p.m. Subject: "The Coming of the World-Teacher."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Normal working between Hong Kong, Shanghai and beyond has been re-established by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.

A recommendation is to be made to Edinburgh Town Council that a site in front of the City Chambers be granted for the erection of the Edinburgh Cenotaph. This decision was reached at a meeting on March 17 of a sub-committee of the Lord Provost's Committee of the Town Council.

The Glasgow police, who found a man sleeping on a stair, early in the morning, and took him to the police station, thinking he was destitute, had a surprise when they searched him. He had in his possession nine £20 notes, one £5 note, and fifteen £1 notes, the total amount being £200.

The late Sir Apolo Kagwa, former Prime Minister of Uganda, left an estate of 100 square miles, cash consisting of 282,766 shillings, 1,402 head of cattle, and other property. His successor, Separiya, is his second son. Apolo leaves 19 children. He was a remarkable African, great in stature and in mentality.

A most impressive service of remembrance was held at World's View, in the Matoppos, South Africa, at the grave of Cecil Rhodes on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death. The attendance numbered a thousand, including representatives of the Governmen. and all leading associations.

A luminous number which can be seen from a distance at night has been put up on the Budapest town hall, and the authorities are considering the advisability of putting luminous numbers on all the houses in the city, and luminous plaques at the street corners on which the street names may be easily read after dark. It is claimed that Budapest is the first city to consider this method of obviating the difficulties of circulation at night.

One result of the slaughter of ostriches in South Africa may be seen in London, where ladies' handbags made of ostrich skin are displayed in the shops (says a "Morning Post" writer). Over 200,000 birds have been killed recently, so that there should be no lack of material. The resultant leather is of a pleasing quality, marked for the most part with dark spots which show where the body feathers grew, and it is claimed to have enduring qualities. Its employment is a tribute to the modern spirit which seeks out a use for everything, and even turns such a disaster as the killing off of such vast numbers of birds to account.

Mr. S. F. Edge, the well-known motorist has purchased at auction for £135,000 A.C. Cars (Limited), which was sold by order of the High Court.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the well-known banker, has made a donation of $200,000 to the Neurological Institute for the study of encephalitis lethargica, or sleepy sickness, as a memorial to his wife, who died two years ago a victim to the mysterious malady.

John Flynn, a clerk, living at Blackpool, who in France in 1915 was shot through the head and became deaf and dumb, has suddenly recovered his speech. A former employee of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Blackpool, he went to Liverpool to search for work. While playing football there he received a kick in the throat, and immediately after he found that he could talk.

The Prince of Wales has promised to visit Clifton College, Bristol, on June 2. The decision was announced at the Old Cliftonians' dinner at the House of Commons by the Speaker, Mr. Whitley, who was at the college. Other M.P.s who were educated at Clifton are: Sir Thomas Inskip, the Solicitor-General, Captain Charles Craig, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Sir Richard Luce, Sir Kenneth Murchison, Sir Geoffrey Butler, Mr. Hore-Belisha, and Col. Josiah Wedgwood.

A new form of road-hog has made his appearance and is increasing in numbers. It is well known that the King's car is fitted with two bright blue flambeaux to enable the police to recognise it easily and so afford it ready passage. Recently an increasing number of private motorists have been using blue head-lamps in the hope of being mistaken for royalty. It is a mean attempt to secure an advantage over fellow-motorists and deserves to fail, as it surely will do, for it is killing itself by its very numbers.

While the Prince of Wales is admittedly the fashion leader for men, some of his too slavish followers are apt to forget the difference between their build and that of his "Royal slimness" (says the "Sunday Chronicle.") At an informal affair recently, where lounge jackets were worn, the Prince appeared in his favourite single-breasted, two-button lounge jacket, with broad, long lapels. It was comical to watch the transition in effect by the same style on a stockily-built guest of enormous breadth, on whom the coat looked merely ludicrous.

An anonymous donor has presented Coventry Free Library with George Eliot's manuscript commonplace book, "Fables and Miscellaneous Notes." This contains ninety-two pages of extracts and notes in the novelist's neat handwriting.

It seems that M. Doumergue, President of the French Republic, would be wise to go into training for his prospective visit to England in May, just before the arrival of the French Fleet, observes a "Daily Mail" writer. I hear that he is to be given a banquet at the Guildhall, a State banquet at Buckingham Palace, and a Government banquet at the Foreign Office, not to mention the dinners with which the French colony, headed by their Embassy, will delight to honour him.

The War Office has dropped another bombshell on the Territorial Army Associations (says the "Times") by the issue of a letter expressing the opinion that Association quarters should not be occupied by caretakers or by civilian employees while permanent staff instructors are accommodated in lodgings. They are therefore asked to re-allot the quarters and to give reasons in any case where the eviction of the caretaker is considered impossible.

The "Times" correspondent at Shanghai, in a very interesting letter which appeared in mail week, disparages the apparent efficiency of the Cantonese army, and attributes its success to the honeycombing of every new hostile position by Communist-cum-Nationalist propaganda behind the enemy's lines. Thus are the lessons of the Great War of the West learned in the East. That one half, at least, of this view is correct is shown by what has happened to Wu Pei-fu at Hankow and Chang Chung-chang before Shanghai.

A correspondent writes to the London "Observer":—A brief intimation in the newspapers that the Air Mail is now running to India and saving five days out of a fortnight gives a pathetic impression of "publicity" as conceived in the Post Office. The fact thus whispered is of the very greatest import both to the business world and to the many thousands who have personal relations with the East. Every branch post-office in London ought to ring with it in conspicuous posters with complete details. What actually happens is that the would-be user of the Air Mail finds the postal assistant in a state of blank ignorance or compelled to consult voluminous files for the needful directions. Under business methods like these, it will be the end of the century before air-carriage becomes economic.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. C. Aris returned to-day from Brisbane by the s.s. "Tanda."

Dr. and Mrs. Mrs. H. A. Judson of the American Presbyterian Mission left Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jefferson" for Home.

Mr. H. H. Howard (of the Standard Oil Co., India) and Mrs. Howard sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jefferson" for Seattle.

A Singapore merchant in Mr. Albert Peterson was a passenger on the "President Jefferson" which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday for Seattle.

Mr. J. H. Green, Far Eastern manager of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, left Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jefferson" to return to Shanghai.

Hong Kong passengers arrived to-day by the "Tanda" included Mr. G. Bonham Carter, Mr. J. H. Lindsay, Mr. D. Keswick and Mr. H. Studholme from Sydney and the Rev. Scheule from Sandakan.

Prominent Chinese of Malaya who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jefferson" for Seattle, to go on to Europe, included Mr. and Mrs. Chua Pohsiang and daughter, Mrs. Tan Chayyan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chee Swee-chiang and daughter.

General Sir Hamilton Bower met with a nasty motor accident at his residence, The Cottage, North Berwick. He was starting his car, which had apparently been left in gear, when he was knocked down, and received severe injuries to his head and legs. Fortunately no bones were broken.

The young Swedish nobleman, Govan Falkenberg, a Count in his own right and the inheritor of an income of nearly £5,000 a year, for whom Swedish Consuls all over the world have been searching, visited the Consulate at Sydney on April 8. He had read the newspaper reports regarding the death of his father, and, in duty to his mother and the younger members of the family, he reported immediately to the Consulate. Count Falkenberg will leave shortly for Sweden.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong yesterday by the "President Lincoln" from Seattle and Shanghai included Mr. M. A. de Carvalho, Mr. G. Moolchand, Mr. Otto Morgenstein and Mr. Samuel S. Wong.

To have piloted 10,000 passengers in British and Dutch air liners and to have spent 7,500 hours, or over ten months, in the air, is the record of Captain J. P. Olley, an Imperial Airways pilot. Captain Olley, who began flying in 1915 and has been on cross-Channel routes since 1919, carried his 10,000 passenger in mail week in a flight from London to Paris.

Mr. Philip Laszlo, the painter, who recently arrived at Madrid has been entertained at a dinner attended by leading artists, writers and musicians. Mr. Laszlo is engaged on portraits of members of the Spani h royal family. Mr. Philip Alexius Laszlo de Lombo, who was born at Budapest, is a naturalised British subject. He has painted portraits of many royalties and of distinguished people, including the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and Signor Mussolini, the Italian Premier.

Mr. George Allsop, whose death, at the age of 63, is announced from Johannesburg, will be remembered as manager of the South African cricket teams which toured England in 1904, 1907, 1912, and 1924. The best team under his charge was that in 1907, when South African cricket was at its best. In that season England won only one of the Test matches, the other two being drawn. Mr. Allsop was secretary of the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, and his death is a loss generally to sport in South Africa.

One of the last of the British contingent to leave the Swiss winter sports is Dame Katherine Furse, who has just come down from the Engadine, where she remained for the excellent ski-ing still available at this period of the year, says a Home gossip writer. Wearing a very practical costume of blue serge and looking extremely bronzed and fit, Dame Katherine broke her journey at Geneva, where she was shown over the Secretariat of the League of Nations by Dame Rachel Crowdy, the head of the women and children's welfare section, herself a skier of no mean reputation.

Sir Herbert Warren, president of Magdalen College, Oxford, has announced that he has informed the college of his intention to retire from his office as president at Michaelmas, 1928. He was elected to the office in October, 1885.

A message from Vancouver announced the death of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., at the age of 72. He was a distinguished Canadian statesman, and son of a former Premier of Canadian. He was knighted in 1893 for his services in protecting the Canadian seal fur interests in the Behring Sea by arbitration at Paris.

The death has occurred at Capetown, at the age of 79, of Mr. Isaac Lewis, senior director of the Lewis and Marks group. In accordance with Mr. Lewis's desire, his remains will be interred beside those of his wife at Willesden (London). Mr. Lewis went to South Africa nearly 50 years ago and, with his partner, the late Senator Samuel Marks, was one of the pioneers of the Kimberley diamond fields. In addition to being one of the biggest industrial magnates in South Africa, he was also one of the biggest land-owners. With others he established the iron and steel works at Vereeniging. The Barnatos and Joels were his associates in those early days in the diamond fields. Paul Kruger and Mr. Lewis were great friends in the days before the Boer War.

The Colonial Office sometimes moves in a mysterious way, says the "Observer" of March 27. When Sir Hugh Clifford entered the public service as a cadet forty-four years ago, he distinguished himself by the thoroughness with which he mastered all the dialects of his Malayan sphere. The recognition of this industry took the form of removing him to Nigeria, where his load of expert knowledge would count for precisely nothing. Now, after storing his mind for a dozen years with the linguistic miscellany of West Africa, he returns to Malaya as Governor. There may be method as well as humour in such transitions, but it requires considerable faith to think so. Not, of course, that any Colony receiving Sir Hugh Clifford as Governor will believe itself other than fortunate.

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SPORTS SECTION

SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

WAH YAN COLLEGE MEETING.

10 RECORDS BROKEN.

The second annual athletic sports meeting of Wah Yan College was held on the Hong Kong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon in favourable weather.

There was a large gathering of visitors present. Some very keen competitions were witnessed and ten College records were broken.

Leung Kam-kwong and Fung Kwok-wa tied for the senior championship with 18 points each, while the junior championship went to Lee Ying-choi with 16 points.

At the conclusion Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools) distributed the prizes, and congratulated the winners on their prowers.

Results.

The results were as follow:—

100 Yards Senior, challenge cup presented by Mr. Francisco Tse Yat, to be won two years consecutively.—won by Leung King-fan for the second year in succession; 2, Leung Kam-kwong; 3, Ip Cho-pong. Time, 11 secs.

100 Yards Junior.—1, Cheung Hon-ming; 2, Lee Ying-choi; 3, Lam Kwok-kee. Time 11-2/3 secs.

220 Yards Senior, challenge cup presented by Mr. Ko Leong-hoe.—won by Leung Kin-fan for the second year in succession; 2, Leung Kam-kwong; 3, Ko Ki-fan. Time, 24 seconds.

220 Yards Junior.—1, Lam Kwok-kee; 2, Lee Ying-choi; 3, Pang Kui-pui. Time, 27 seconds.

Quarter Mile Senior, challenge cup presented by Mr. Sum Pak-ming.—1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Leung Kam-kwong; 3, Leung Fong-iu. Time, 59 seconds.

Quarter Mile Junior.—1, Lee Fai-mou; 2, Lam Kwok-kee; 3, Lam Yue. Time, 66-2/5 seconds.

Long Jump, Senior.—Leung Fong-iu. Distance of 16 feet, 10-1/4 inches.

Half Mile Open, challenge cup presented by Past Pupils.—1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Tam Sik-poon; 3, Leung Kam-kwong. Time, 2 mins. 3-2/5 secs.

One mile Bicycle Race.—1, Ip Chi-pong; 2, Ho Chee-luen; 3, Fung Kwok-wa. Time, 7 min. 20-1/3 secs.

Inter-school Invitation Relay Race.—Won by Queen's College.

Low Hurdles, Open.—1, Leung Kam-kwong; 2, Fung Kwok-wa; 3, Leung Fong-iu. Time, 18 seconds.

High Jump Senior.—1, Ko Ki-fan; 2, Leung Fong-iu; 3, Lee Gee-ling. Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

High Jump Junior.—1, Ko Kin-fan; 2, Leung Fong-iu; 3, Lee Gee-ling.

One Mile Open, challenge cup presented by Messrs. Wing Nam to be won two years consecutively.—1, Fung Kwok-wa; 2, Leung Kam-kwong; 3, Karim. Time, 5 min. 52 secs.

Thread and Needle Race.—1, Miss Alice Chung and Mr. Kitchell; 2, Miss Un and Mr. B. A. Hyder; 3, Miss Agnes Tsui and Mr. Leung.

Senior Championship. — Leung Kam-kwong and Fung Kwok-wa tied with 18 points.

Junior Championship.—Lee Ying-choi.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Chelsea Losing Their Chance of Promotion.

On their own ground yesterday, Chelsea only managed to draw with Portsmouth in division II of the Home Football League.

Both clubs are in the running for promotion. Chelsea are now a point behind Manchester City and Portsmouth, each of the three with one more match to play.

London, May 4.

League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I: Bury 3, Arsenal 2.

Division II: Chelsea 0, Portsmouth 0.

Div. III (South): Plymouth 4, Bristol City 2.—Reuter.

SERVICE SOCCER FINAL.

At Shanghai, the 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry defeated H.M.S. "Hawkins" in the final of the Army & Navy Football Cup by 8 goals to 2. Teams:—

1st Durhams:—Teague; Haley, Renshaw; Wales, Daxon, Robson; Reymel, Finson, Parslow, Anderton, Bloke.

H.M.S. "Hawkins":—Sto. Haymel; L. S. Mills, Tel. Dix; Musn. Knapp, Plbr. Hulbert, Ship. Grieveson; St. Sherrock, A. B. Nash, A. B. Smith, A. B. Voller, A. B. Kirkley.

South China Athletic Association hold their 5th annual athletic sports meeting at 12 noon on Sunday (May 8), on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley.

SHANGHAI RACES.

7 RUNNERS IN THE CHAMPIONS.

SPRING MEET: 3RD DAY.

Shanghai, May 4.

Shanghai was in holiday mood this afternoon when thousands of Chinese and foreigners thronged the racecourse enclosure, where the classic "Champions was run off. Hundreds of women wearing the latest creation from Paris, and numbers of officers and men of the International Defence Force added colour to a usually brilliant scene. The weather was ideal for racing. The result of the Champions was as under:—

Mr. Day's New Zealand ..... (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hickling's Mark Over ..... (Mr. J. K. Brand) 2

Mr. H. W. Fowler's Morning Flight .... (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

3 lengths; 2 lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 37.1/5 secs. (a record).

Seven runners; Morning Flight was favourite.

Cash Sweeps.

"A" Series: No. 27,794—1st
" 10,938—2nd
" 267—3rd

"B" Series: No. 4,920—1st
" 2,972—2nd
" 4,325—3rd

The first prize of the "A" Sweep totalled $224,000.—Reuter.

Results of other races are published by courtesy:—

1.—**The Yangtse Cup: 1 Mile.**

M. and L.G.W.'s Western Park .... (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1

Mr. Toeg's Gordon ..... (Mr. Sokoloff) 2

Mr. Dod's MacNab ..... (Mr. Pollock) 3

Time: 2 mins. 5.1/5 secs.

2.—**The Kiangsu Cup: 1¼ Miles.**

Messrs. Beith and Lemarchand's Charcoal ..... (Mr. Maitland) 1

Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Flamingo ..... (Mr. McBain) 2

Mr. Diddell's Howcroft ..... (Mr. Bremner) 3

Time: 3 mins. 45 secs.

3.—**The Racing Stakes: 1¼ Miles.**

Mr. Fash's Punch ..... (Mr. Encarnacao) 1

Mr. Day's Go On Land ..... (Mr. Dallas) 2

Mr. Robson's The Snuke Bird (Mr. Brand) 3

Time: 2 mins. 45.2/5 secs.

4.—**The Consolation Cup: 1¼ Miles.**

Mr. Dod's MacNab ..... (Mr. Pollock) 1

Mr. H. Maitland's Helter Skelter .... (Mr. Maitland) 2*

Messrs. Winsome and Hasty's The Brambling ..... (Mr. McBain) 2*

*—Dead heat.

Time: 2 mins. 42.2/5 secs.

5.—**The Rubicon Plate: 1¼ Miles.**

Messrs. J. Beudin and M. M. Speelman's Zanzibar ..... (Mr. Poulsen) 1

Mr. F. W. Sutterle, jr.'s Grey Mist .... (Mr. Encarnacao) 2

Mr. Harry White's Don Vicente ..... (Mr. Hughes) 3

Time: 2 mins. 39.2/5 secs.

6.—**The Flying Handicap: "A" Class: 1 Mile.**

Miss Law's Kilmory ..... (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1

Messrs. E. B. McBain and E. Hayim's Chitabob ..... (Mr. Brand) 2

Mr. Richmond's Bunny ..... (Mr. Maitland) 2

Time: 2 mins. 5.4/5 secs.

7.—**The Flying Handicap: "B" Class: 1 Mile.**

Mr. Birdrake's Sea Mew .... (Mr. S. A. Judah) 1

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Larch Tree ..... (Mr. Wells Henderson) 2

Time: 2 mins. 7.4/5 secs.

8.—**The Great Northern Handicap 1¼ Miles.**

Mr. Toeg's Spearmint ..... (Mr. Bremner) 1*

Mr. G. H. Wright's Jill ..... (Mr. Bremner) 2

Mr. A. N. Dallas' Theatreland ..... (Mr. Dallas) 3

Time: 2 mins. 32 secs.

N.B.—* Spearmint was afterwards disqualified and the 3rd place was awarded to Mr. Eve's Moonlit Eve.

10.—**The Jockey Cup: 1¼ Miles.**

Miss Billy Coutts' Double Zero ..... (Mr. Moses) 1

Mr. Toeg's George ..... (Mr. S. A. Judah) 2

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Rosemary ..... (Mr. Strangland) 3

Time: 2 mins. 40.2/5 secs.

11.—**The Ningpo Cup: ¾ Mile.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's White Poppy .... (Mr. Moller) 1

Mr. Reefenkid's Hyde Park .. (Mr. McBain) 2

Mr. G. H. Wright's Jack Tar .... (Mr. Bremner) 3

Time: 1 min. 34.1/5 secs.

12.—**The Newchwang Cup: 1 Mile.**

Mr. Harry White's Don Phllippe (Mr. Encarnacao) 1

Mr. Day's New Foundland .. (Mr. Dallas) 2

Mr. Eve's Dusky Eve ..... (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Time: 2 mins. 6.2/5 secs.

13.—**The Spring 1927 Sub-Griffins Derby: 1½ Miles.**

Postponed from March 26, 1927, 3rd Extra Race Meeting abandoned).

Mr. Harry White's Don Renaldo (Mr. Encarnacao) 1

Mrs. W. McBain's Winter Eve (Mr. Maitland) 2

Mr. States' The Buckeye .... (Mr. Dallas) 3

Time: 3 mins. 22.1/5 secs.

BOXING.

V.R.C. AMATEUR NOVICES' TOURNAMENT.

1ST SESSION: 4 KNOCK-OUTS.

The Amateur Novices' Boxing Tournament organised by the Victoria Recreation Club opened in the club's gymnasium last night.

Sixteen bouts were down for decision but six of these were walk-overs in the boys' division. All the absentees were St. Joseph's College boys, and the official explanation was that the boys of this school had preferred not to box because two of them objected to fighting in the class in which they were posted.

As the officials could only go according to weight and not height nor age, the protest was not entertained.

There was very little science exhibited in any of the ten bouts which were decided, but this did not mean that the fights were devoid of interest.

Three Round Bouts.

Most of the competitors mixed matters with a will and many had painful spots to nurse over night. There were four knock-outs while one bout was stopped in the middle of the first round. The reason for this action is not clear as the decision was given to the man who was twice warned for hitting with an open glove.

All the bouts were of three rounds duration, the men fighting under the Imperial Services Boxing Association rules and the boys under the Amateur Boxing Association code.

RESULTS.

Men's Featherweights.

L/Cpl. Johnson (1st. Cameronians) 127½lb. knocked out Bandsman Higgs (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 127½lb. in the third round.

Boy Macguire (H.M.S. "Dragon") 126lb. beat Pte. Tiernan (R.A.M.C.) 123lb. on points.

Men's Welterweights.

A. B. Green (H.M.S. "Frobisher") 144lb. was given the decision over A. B. Langton (H.M.S. "Dragon") 138 lb. Bout stopped in first round.

A. B. Neicho (H.M.S. "Dragon") 140 lb. beat Bugler Chitty (H.M.S. "Dragon") 142lb. on points.

Drummer Scott (2nd K.O.S.B.) 139½lb. beat Pte. Rice (2nd K.O.S.B.) 149lb. on points.

Ordinary Seaman Gentle (H.M.S. "Dragon") 138 lb. beat L/Cpl. Duttilent (1st/Cameronians) 141¾ lb. on points.

Men's Middleweights.

Piper Smith (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 159 lb. knocked out Rifleman Spencer (1st/Cameronians) 160lb. in the third round.

Men's Heavyweights.

L/Cpl. Wallace (1st/Cameronians) 165½lb. knocked out Rifleman Jackson (1st/Cameronians) in the first round. Jackson's weight was not given.

Corpl. Price (1st/Cameronians) 165lb. knocked out Pte. Maxwell (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 180lb. in the first round.

Boys' Bantamweights.

G. Woodier week-over from D. Dillon.

M. Woo walk-over from L. Rozario.

Boys' Middleweights.

H. Jolly walk-over from A. Giron.

G. Willis walk-over from J. Remedios.

Boys' Heavyweights.

Wong Shiu-man walk-over from H. Young.

P. R. Xavier beat W. H. Kwan on points.

S. Christie walk-over from J. Aslett.

ANOTHER RECORD.

Reece's Pendulum Break Still Scoring.

London, May 4.

Still playing against Peall in their match at Thurston's Reece made another pendulum cannon break, breaking the world's record with 4,221 unfinished.—Reuter.

Peall previously held he record with 3,304. Earlier in the match, Reece broke the record of Newman (the present champion) and went on to make 3,964, which figure he has now exceeded.

LAWN TENNIS.

EX-CHAMPION IN FINAL AGAIN.

NG SZE-KWONG'S FORM.

In the first semi-final of the open championship singles of the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament, Ng Sze-kwong (champion of the Colony for six consecutive years until 1924) defeated H. D. Rumjahn (joint holder of the doubles championship with S. A. Rumjahn), by three sets to one.

After going down in the first set by 3-6, Ng Sze-kwong asserted himself and took the next three sets in fine style.

The game itself was much "tighter" than the result might lend one to suppose. Ng Sze-kwong's superior courtcraft pulled him through, while H. D. Rumjahn's splendid overhead work delighted the spectators.

Rumjahn's Service.

Rumjahn settled down to the game at the very commencement but the former champion only got into form in the second set.

With a powerful and accurate first service which brought him several points, Rumjahn secured the first set at 6-3 and looked odds on being able fully to extend his more experienced opponent.

Ng Sze-kwong, however, seemed to have got the measure of the young Indian player in the second set which he took at 6-3.

Reached His Best Form.

Losing the first game in the third set, Ng Sze-kwong took six games off the real. Although Rumjahn still appeared to be the more aggressive player he seemed demoralised by his opponent's almost uncanny accuracy, Ng Sze-kwong's driving and placing being reminiscent of the confident days when he was for several years without a peer in local tennis.

In the fourth set, Rumjahn secured the only love game of the match, winning four strokes in succession in the 6th game on his own service.

Final Prospects.

With a 4-1 disadvantage, the Indian player made a strenuous effort to pull the game round but after reducing the lead against him to 3-4, he lost the next two games, set and match.

Ng Sze-kwong meets the winner of the Honda v. S. A. Rumjahn match which is being played to-day. If he reproduces the form he displayed yesterday, it is expected that the Chinese player will stand a fair chance of regaining the title of singles champion.

[In 1924, Ng Sze-kwong lost to Honda in the final. He did not play in 1925. Last year he entered and scratched early.]

Club Championship.

G. W. Sewell has entered the final of the Club Championship. Yesterday he defeated F. A. Redmond by 3 sets to 1, once again proving that steady base-line drives and sound placing may get the better of aggressiveness.

In the Handicap Singles "B," R. Guy Wilkerson had an easy passage into the final.

Mrs. M. Hall and H. Owen Hughes entered the final of the mixed doubles handicap. In this section, one match (Colonel and Mrs. C. Russell Brown v. C. C. and Mrs. Stark) was abandoned when the score stood at 1 set and 3 games all.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles. (semi-final):—Ng Sze-kwong beat H. D. Rumjahn 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship. (semi-final):—G. W. Sewell beat F. A. Redmond 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A". (2nd round):—L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6) beat H. R. Remington (rec. 15/1) 1-6, 6-1, 8-6. (3rd round):—L. Forster (owe 5/6) beat Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B". (semi-final):—R. Guy Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) beat J. S Kennedy (rec. 15) 6-0, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles. (semi-final):—Mrs. M. Hall and H. Owen Hughes (owe 1/6) beat Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble (owe 1/6) 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles. (semi-final):—T. Honda v. S. A. Rumjahn (on the stand court).

Club Championship. (3rd round):—E. Grimble v. S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles "A". (3rd round):—G. W. Sewell (owe 4/6) v. R. K. Valentine (rec. 4/6): (2nd round):—C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) v. Capt. Howard (scr.)

Handicap Doubles. (4th round):—Major W. B. Stevenson and Major H. R. Edwards (owe 1/6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6).

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second of the series of three games to decide the championship of the Kowloon Golf Club is to be played to-morrow.

S. G. Hayes and D. E. Carv lho tied in the competition proper. The first match on Tuesday was won by Hayes who has not yet (as erroneously stated yesterday) won the replay outright.

FOOTBALL IN THE STREET.

Two Chinese youths were this morning fined $5 each by Major C. Willson for playing football at Prince Terrace.

CRICKET TOUR.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM FOR HOME.

ALL-ROUND OPTIMISM.

Christchurch (N.Z.)

When the New Zealand cricketers sailed for England a great gathering gave them an enthusiastic civic farewell at Wellington Town Hall.

Mr. Coates, the Prime Minister, telegraphed saying that all New Zealand stands for could well be left in the hands of the team.

Mr. Nosworthy, on behalf of the Government, wished the team success knowing that they will uphold the honour of New Zealand.

Warwick Armstrong's View.

The chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council said the team was better than English people thought. They would play cricket as it should be played.

Mr. Warwick Armstrong, the Australian Test match player, said: "I have heard a lot about football in New Zealand and have been told that you cannot play cricket. Well I want to tell you right now that you can play cricket as well as the Australians. You will uphold the game of cricket in England as well as the Australians did, and will win many more matches than you lose."

OXFORD'S DECLINE.

WHY DARK BLUES LOSE AT SPORTS.

DRUDGERY OF TRAINING.

Past Oxford University men are seriously worried by the recent failure of Oxford in almost every branch of sport.

In the past two years Cambridge have swept the board, and last year was the worst year that any university has had, for Oxford failed to win a single full Blue event.

Since the war Cambridge have won 6 out of 7 boat races, and other results are:

Cricket: Cambridge 4, Oxford 2 and 2 draws.

Athletics: Cambridge 4, Oxford 3 and 1 tie.

Hockey: Cambridge 5, Oxford 3.

and Cambridge have won the last two Rugby matches by almost record margins.

Drudgery of Training.

Mr. C. B. Fry, who was a triple Blue at Oxford, declares that Oxford's decline is due to a lack of spirit and determination to win. He said:—

Such a deterioration as has been seen in the last few years is not mere chance. It must have a cause. There is not the same spirit to win as there used to be. The drudgery of training seems to discourage many athletes, and I have noticed in cricket that their technique is wrong. There used to be a willingness to put up with anything if only it would help us to win, but that is missing now. I am afraid there is a 'don't care' spirit at times. A little humiliation and determination would put this right. I am certain that there is a different attitude at Cambridge."

Experts From Over-Seas.

Mr. A. C. Gelder, hon. secretary of the A.A.A., speaking on the overwhelming victory of Cambridge in the athletic sports, said:

"The system of the Rhodes scholars has now had an unfortunate result. They arrive at Oxford when older and more experienced than the average freshman, and easily obtain a place in the team. The result has been that most of the best English athletes are going to Cambridge, where there is a more open field, and as our athletes are as good as any in the world, Cambridge is having a good time."

An Oxford undergraduate said:

"There is now only one college at Oxford where it is considered smart to play games, and this is reflected in the results of the inter-'Varsity matches."

A TRAGEDY.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AFTER RUGGER.

Paris.—It has already been observed that the Frenchmen, particularly those in the South, take their football very passionately.

An extreme example of this is reported from Montpellier, where almost immediately after a Rugby match a player belong to the defeated team tried to commit suicide.

The victim, named Wisser, belongs to the Lezignan Football Club, which was beaten in the French rugby championship competition by the Narbonne Racing Club.

Over Excited.

Wisser played an especially brilliant game, but it was noticed that he seemed over-excited after a dispute with the referee concerning a claim for a try, which the referee disallowed.

After the end of the match Wisser, still protesting that his club had been unfairly defeated, went home and shot himself. He is now in hospital, but his injury is so serious that he is not expected to recover.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 5, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2/0⅛	2/0⅛	2/0⅛
T.T. on Shanghai	79¾	79¾	non.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1040 b & sa	1040 b & sa	1040 b
do. London.	£11 4½ n		£11 4½ n
Chartered Bank	£20 n	£20 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 x.d. n	£32 n	
do. C.	£13⅜ n	£13⅜ n	—
P. & O. Bank	£9½ s	£10 n	—
Bank of East Asia	68 n	68 b	68 s
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	$660 n	$550 n	$560 n
China Underwriters	80 cts n	80 cts n	80 cts. b
North China Insurance	T143 b	143 b	—
Union Insurance	290 b	290 b	290 n
Yangtze Insurance	$38 M. n	38 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	205 b	205 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 b	600 b	600 s
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 n	31 n	31 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	22¼ n	22½ b	2:½ s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	1.10 n	1.10 s
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 n	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	39 n	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	94/- s	91/6 s	94/- n
Star Ferries	51 b	52 n	52 s
Water-boats	14¾ b	14½ b	14¾ b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	18¼ b	18¼ b	18½ b
Malabon Sugars	31 n	31 n	31 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.70 b		
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- b	38/- n	40/- n
Langkats (Combined)	$21 n	21¼ b	21 b
do. (Single)	9½ n	9¼ n	—
Shanghai Exploration	T4 n	4 n	—
Shanghai Loan	T7 n	7 b	—
Raubs	4 n	4 n	3½ n
Tronoh Mines	21/- n	—	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n	21/- b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	98 n	98 n	95 b
H.K. & W. Docks	38 n	38 n	33 n
Hongkews	135 b	—	135 b
New Engineerings	T4½ b	4½ b	4½ b
Shanghai Docks	T102 b	102 b	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.05 b	7.10 b	6.90 b
Hongkong Lands	52¾ b 53sa	52¾ b 53 sa	53 b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 n	6 n
H.K. Territories	1½ n	1½ n	2 n
Humphreys Estates	12½ n	11½ n	12 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 n	—
Rural Lands	1½ n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T. 7.40 b	7.40 b	7½ b
Orientals	T1.50 n	1.60 b 2 s	2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T52 n	50 b	53 n
do. (new)	T26 n	25 b	27 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	5 n	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 n	7 n	6½ b
do. (old)	6 n	6 n	5¼ s
do. (new)	1 n	1 n	75 Cts. b
China Buses	9½ n	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	12¼ n	12 b	12¼ b
do. (old)	9.05 n	9 n	9½ b
do. (new)	6 n	6 n	6 b
China Prov.	4¼ b	4¼ b	4¼ s
Dairy Farms	15 n	15 n	14½ n
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 n	—
Hongkong Amusements	18½ n	18½ n	17½ b
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 n	2.40 s
Hongkong Electrics	52 b	51¼ b	51½ b
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	10 n	7 n
do. (new)	5 n	5 n	2 n
Hongkong Tramways	20.65 b	20.40 b 20.5 sa	20½ b
Lane, Crawfords	7 n	7 n	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 b	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n		—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.65 n	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 n	15 n	15 s
do. (new)	8 n	8 n	8 s
Sinceres	9 b	9 b	9 s
Singapore Trams	11/- b	11/- n	11/- b
Taxis	1 n	1 n	65 Cts n
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	650 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	—
Watsons	11 n	11 n	11 s
Wm. Powells	6 n	5 n	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3.70 n	3¼ n	3.60 b

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On demand ... 171

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Don Manuel Tellez, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, who is understood to have been recalled by his Government at the request of the United States, following "accusations by the American Ambassador to Mexico that Mexican diplomats in the United States were spreading propaganda."

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

WALT WHITMAN.

AMERICA'S POET OF DEMOCRACY.

"Walt Whitman," By John Bailey; Englishmen of Letters Series (MacMillan. 5/).

This poet of Democracy is the most original genius America has yet produced. Whitman, the farmer's son began his connection with journalism at 13. At this time it was said that if he had ague he would be too lazy to shake. Poets have two great needs, experience and peace. There is often a struggle in them between the instinct of action and adventure which provides their material and the instinct of solitude and meditation which uses it. In Whitman, though both were strong, the second was the stronger of the two. The Leaves of Grass is the child of genius, shaped by poverty, ignorance and adventure above all by America and its Civil War, in which Whitman did yeoman service as a hospital worker. Emerson was most enthusiastic over this work.

Lincoln will always be remembered as the Commander-in-Chief, and Whitman as the poet, of the war which killed slavery. The universality of love is the essence of his greatness. He believed in ordinary life and the average man and loved them as no poet had ever loved them before. The intensity of his faith and joy in the new world is a cleansing fire which burns out of him the trivialities and uglinesses that are his besetting sins; and gives him more than he desired or knew of the rhythm and music which have always been the language of faith. Men thirst for power and poetry satisfies that thirst by being something in which perception, emotion, and imagination find their powers of activity redoubled: in which the delights of the ear, the memory, and the mind are joined together to make up a new felicity not experienced elsewhere. Whitman never realised that poetry, like all art, demands excess, the intensifying of emotion. His Tammany Hall speechifying experiences and his journalistic training had a fatal influence on him. He read the Bible and Scott all his life, but the cheap rhetoric of political meetings and the self-important trivialities of provincial newspapers overlaid and tainted his language and style. He believed that all exact metrical form, 'lilt' was unnecessary now that poetry was read silently from the printed page. He fancied that all elaborate metre had something feudal, European, outworn about it. Of the importance of music, or form, in poetry he understood little, and nothing at all of association. Genius is much greater than knowledge, but it can seldom be a substitute for it. The meanness of his language, his disregard of grammar, his scraps of foreign tongues mar our enjoyment and repel altogether many readers. The verse librist has the sentence grammatically and accentually complete in itself as the new unit instead of the line. This was unluckily no restraint on Whitman's verbosity, his wildernesses of catalogues. What distinguishes verse rhythm from that of prose is that it repeats itself and creates expectation, or, if not expectation, at least echo. The liberty of spirit or the freedom of art which were the essence of Whitman can never wholly die, however ignorant or confused or extravagant were many of his manifestations of both.

He gives us love and democracy and religion, an all-embracing universalism, a passionate Americanism, out-of-doorness, an arrogant egotism, a daring sexuality, an assured and boundless faith that God is good, and man too, and the world and the universe: and that the last word of all will be found to be happiness.

The Song of Myself is perhaps not a poem at all, but it is one of the most astonishing expressions of vital energy ever got into a book. "Who touches this touches a man."

Youth, large, lusty, loving—youth full of grace, force, fascination,

Do you know that Old Age may come after you with equal grace, force, fascination?

Day full-blown and splendid-day of the immense sun, action, ambition, laughter,

The Night follows close with millions of suns, and sleep and restoring darkness.

AT SEA.

GROWTH OF OUR MERCANTILE MARINE.

The Islanders. Archibald Hurd: Cassell.

In Queen Elizabeth's time we, islanders were in the main a self-sufficing company numbering less than the population of London today, with no possessions outside Europe for all settlement schemes had failed. From this Hurd proceeds to trace the development of our Mercantile Marine.

Greater Britain starts from the first charter given to Virginia, 1606; advanced in the 17th century, but not till the 18th did it in its gigantic dimensions and with its vast policies stand clearly before the world. Now 30 millions of our people live on food brought by ships: 45 millions in a land about half the size of Sumatra and smaller than New Zealand. The Navigation Acts, according to the author, injured us by removing competition and in 1836 things were so bad that a Government Committee was appointed to enquire into the cause of the frequent wrecks. The causes proved to be ignorance of navigation, drunkenness, and indiscipline: inadequate charts, no professional examinations for skippers or engineers and appalling conditions generally. The Consular Report to the Foreign Office in 1843 emphasised intemperance, ignorance and brutality of British Masters. In alarm the last vestiges of the Navigation Acts were swept away. Nine administrative departments were centralised in the Marine department of the Board of Trade, the Plimsoll Mark was introduced and the Mercantile Marine, exposed to energising foreign competition, forged ahead in its triumphant career. In 1835 we possessed 2,320,677 tons of shipping, in 1874 nearly six millions. During the War we lost over 2,000 ships. All war time shipping profits ceased early in 1917, when the Government took over all shipping.

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400 YEARS.

Biography of a Friar.

Mr. Rafael Sabatini is, perhaps, better known as novelist than historian, but the work he has done in the latter capacity has met with quite unusual success.

Messrs. Stanley Paul recently issued a revised edition of his "Life of Cesare Borgia" in a new format, and they now announce a fifth and uniform edition of the companion volume "Torquemada and the Spanish Inquisition."

Friar Thomas de Torquemada, who influenced so profoundly the history of his country, has had to wait over four hundred years for a biographer. This is a curious but, probably, a fortunate circumstance, for Mr. Sabatini, whose birth and education on the Continent have given him an unprejudiced outlook on matters of religion, was much better fitted to deal with the Grand Inquisitor than some early Protestant or Catholic chronicler might have been.

GIRL'S ADVENTURES.

Miss Nora K. Strange, who has already won her spurs with a series of "Kenya Novels," has written an amusing story of a girl's adventures during an autumn in Italy. The title is "Cynthia Abroad" and the book will come later in the year from Messrs. Stanley Paul.

FLEET STREET.

MR. J. H. RICHARDSON'S MEMORIES.

It is good to hear that Mr. J. Hall Richardson, of "The Daily Telegraph," has been persuaded to set down some of his memories in a book. This will be called "From The City to Fleet Street," Messrs. Stanley Paul being the publishers.

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AFTER TWO CENTURIES.

Another Roger de Coverley.

During the slump immediately following the Christmas sales, the book in chief demand in the London stores has been one that has just been printed for the first time after lying in M.S. for more than two centuries. At the age of 85 John Evelyn, whose fame as a diarist is second only to that of Samuel Pepys, gathered some of the fruits of his ripe experience for the benefit of the young man who would shortly succeed to his estate at Wotton. These "Memoires for my Grand-son," as he called them in the M.S. completed just before his death in 1706, may possibly come to be valued as highly as the diary on which the author's reputation has hitherto rested. These pages exhale a distinct aroma of the temper and outlook of Sir Roger de Coverley. They set forth the whole duty, if not of man in general, at any rate of an English country gentleman in particular at a period when there could be summed up in the English gentleman the most finished manners and the best culture of the time. They naturally suggest a comparison with the letters of Lord Chesterfield to his son, from which—alike in tone, style, and matter—they are poles apart. There is, indeed, in Evelyn more of the old Roman than of the worldly and cynical courtier of half a century later.

One of the attractions of this book is the minutely-detailed description of the menage at Wotton. Evelyn takes us through his library with its standishes, desks, stamps, screw-presses, and the "cyphers, glew-pots, cizers," and other implements with which he pursued his hobby of book-binding. He shows us also his repository," with the mathematical instruments, sphere, globe, perspectives, microscopes, "Saxton" compasses, quadrants and rulers. He gives instructions as to how accounts are to be entered, how servants are to be paid, and how a check may be kept on grooms when in London. The administration not only of the house itself but of the woods, gardens, and stables is fully discussed. In the event of fire, for instance, a drum was to be in readiness to summon help. Evelyn advises his grandson to indulge in field sports "rather casually," and "without the Slavery of Keeping Dogs, especially Hounds, Hanks, Race-Horses, etc., which draw with them many Inconveniences, Idle company and Expence." He recommends chess and bowls as "noble and healthful" recreations, the one for the mind and the other for the body. He bids his successor look carefully to every possible source of expenditure and waste, and to the religious well-being of the household as conducive to honest service. Altogether, this is a delightful volume, and many readers will feel grateful to its editor, Mr. Geoffrey Keynes, and to its publishers, The None-such Press, for bringing it out of its long seclusion.

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Meagre details have been cabled Home about the dastardly attack on a party of foreigners of the China Inland Mission at Yunnan and a Roman Catholic priest who was in the party.

Yunnan is a quarter from which this latest outrage is most unexpected.

A missionary was murdered with one of his children, his wife was stabbed, the other child is missing and a lady missionary has disappeared!

You will be performing a duty to yourself out here and to people at Home by telling them exactly what occurred, if only as an illustration of how anti-foreign agitation has reached the remotest corner of China.

This week's "Overland China Mail" contains an exclusive report of the incident. Send Home a full report of the outrage.

CASUALTIES ON BRITISH WARSHIPS.

Almost each day this week, there has been a despatch about casualties on British warships on the Yangtse River.

While acting as convoys to peaceful merchantmen, British and other non-Chinese bluejackets have been subjected to persistent fire.

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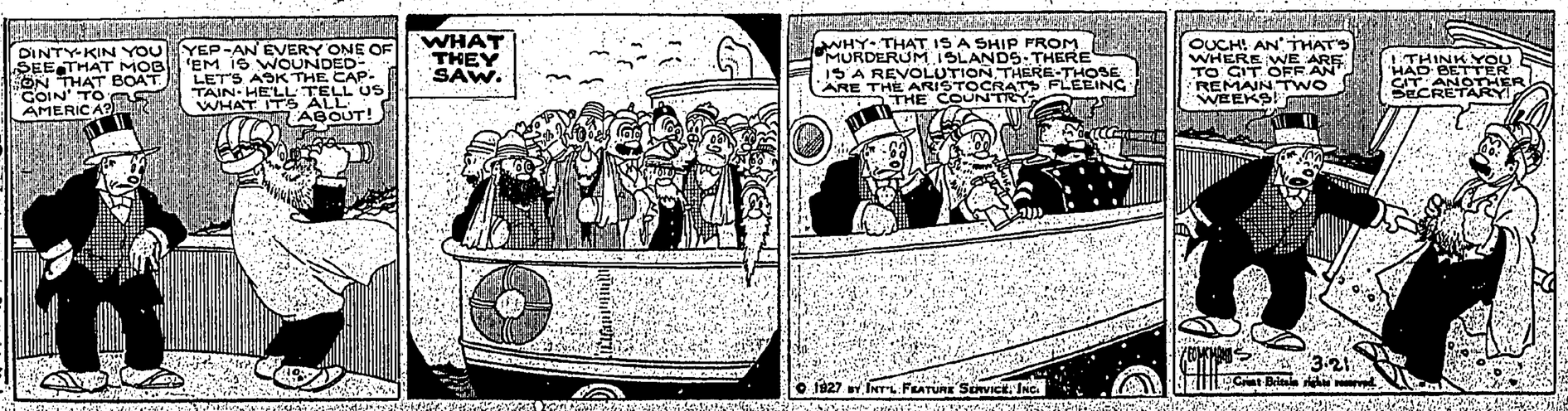

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The King and Queen opened the new wing of the King Edward VII. Hospital at Windsor on April 20.

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John Hockey, a certificated bookmaker, was fined £25 at Liverpool for making a false return to the Commissioners of Customs.

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The Venerable Claude Martin Blagden, Archdeacon of Coventry, was consecrated Bishop of Peterborough at Westminster Abbey.

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The first step in the development of a trans-Canadian air mail service will be made this summer by an aeroplane taking over-seas mails to Montreal.

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An Argentine deputy, M. Martelletti, and his wife were murdered in their beds at Mercedes, in the province of Buenos Aires, it is believed as an act of vengeance.

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The object of the Roadside Petrol Pumps Bill, the text of which was issued on March 10, is to enable highway authorities to permit the erection of petrol supply pumps on the edge of the roadway, as has been done in the case of lamp-posts, watering cart stand pipes, and telegraph poles.

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Five German skiers staying at Compatch were overwhelmed by an avalanche on March 10 (says a Davos correspondent). Four of the party were buried. The fifth managed to get free and set off to secure help. A relief party of 30 men that went to the rescue recovered the body of one of the unfortunate skiers.

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Nicknamed the "Butterfly King" owing to his hobby of collecting butterflies and moths, Albert Edward Burton, a Worthing railway porter, has died at the age of 48. He had a collection of insects numbering between 4,000 and 5,000 gathered from all parts of the world, which he had arranged in artistic designs. The collection is undoubtedly one of the finest in the country.

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Walworth, the birthplace of Robert Browning, was beflagged for the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Rowland Blades, M.P., and the Lady Mayoress in civic state. The Rev. J. Graves, warden of the settlement, who told the story of Browning's association with Walworth, made the first public announcement that the Browning Settlement was now recognised as the world's living memorial of the poet.

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The winter in Spain has been an exceptionally hard one. Packs of wolves, sometimes reaching the number of 30 to 40 beasts, have invaded villages in the mountainous districts of the north and centre of the Peninsula and caused considerable loss among the cattle. A short time ago, in Asturias, a 12-year-old child who was returning home alone was set upon and devoured by a pack of wolves.

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Many Oxford University men made the three-mile journey to the poets' colony at Boars Hill on March 10, to see John Masefield's production of Hamlet, in his garden theatre, from the first quarto of the private version which he has secured. The part of the Prince was taken by Mr. Hugh Langley, while Miss Buchan, daughter of Mr. John Buchan, the author, played Ophelia. The costumes, which were arranged by Mr. Masefield, were rather unusual, and a great use was made of armour. The play was enthusiastically received.

Fines imposed by Surrey County magistrates last year amounted to £28,715.

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Mr. Alfred John King, L.M.S. station-master at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, was killed by an express train.

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January 1 next has been agreed to as the date on which Lord Fermoy's Bill for preventing bidding "rings" at auction sales shall come into operation.

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Capt. D. H. Hacking, under secretary of the Home Office, who has recently had trouble with his eyes, has been ordered to take a rest of about three weeks.

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"There would be an enormous reduction in the number of street accidents if Walk to the Left became the rule."—Lord Newton at the annual meeting of the London Safety First Council.

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Whole entries of births, marriages, and deaths have been cut out of the parish church registers of the Peakland village of Winster, and it is supposed that the missing portions relate to large Derbyshire estates of a century ago.

Sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed at Ipswich on Herbert Edward Smith, a local van dweller, for burying a dog alive.

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Bernard Jacobs, 19, the son of a City merchant, who recently disappeared from his home at Brondesbury Park, N.W., has been found.

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Professor J. E. Davey, of the Presbyterian College, Belfast, has been found not guilty by the Belfast Presbytery of all five charges of heresy brought against him.

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Seventy pounds was realised for a field officer's gold medal for Talavera (1809), and £92 for a gold medal for the Battle of Roleia (1808) at Messrs. Glendining's.

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A collection of 17th and 18th century Broadsides and Folio leaflets realised £470 at the second day's sale of the final portion of the Britwell Court Library at Messrs. Sotheby's.

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Because a cat stole his supper and smashed a cup and saucer, Emilio Zeraschi, an Italian refreshment-house keeper, prodded it with a red-hot poker and at Tredegar was fined £5.

President Coolidge surrounded by secret service men on the daily walks which he has resumed after temporarily abandoning them. He is shown walking by the Treasury and White House on his way back to the Executive Offices.

The number of motor-cars imported into Britain from Germany fell in 1926 to 1,267, from 1,491 in 1925, and the value declined from £655,000 to £420,000.

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It was stated at the L.C.C. meeting that the number of motor-omnibuses in London did not appear to have increased during the past three years, non-combine omnibuses being roughly 10 per cent. of the total, 5,423 for 1926.

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A large shed at Merxem, outside Antwerp, belonging to the British American Tobacco Company was burned down on March 9. A large quantity of tobacco and ten motor cars were involved. The damage is estimated at 3,000,000 francs.

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Mr. W. P. Forbes, managing director of the Central News, who has been secretary of the Wanstead Young Men's Association since its inauguration 50 years ago, has been presented with an illuminated address and an album containing the names of all the members.

Lavish hospitality is being extended by the French naval authorities to the crews of the British ships of the Mediterranean Fleet which arrived at Toulon.

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Off Tarbert, Loch Fyne, the Glasgow pleasure steamer "Chevalier" met with a mishap to one of her paddles and drifted in a fierce gale, but the passengers were taken ashore in lifeboats.

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During a journey from Dover to Wallington, Surrey, Mrs. R. H. Phillips lost jewellery worth £1,000 from a bag suspended round her neck, and a reward of £100 is offered for its recovery.

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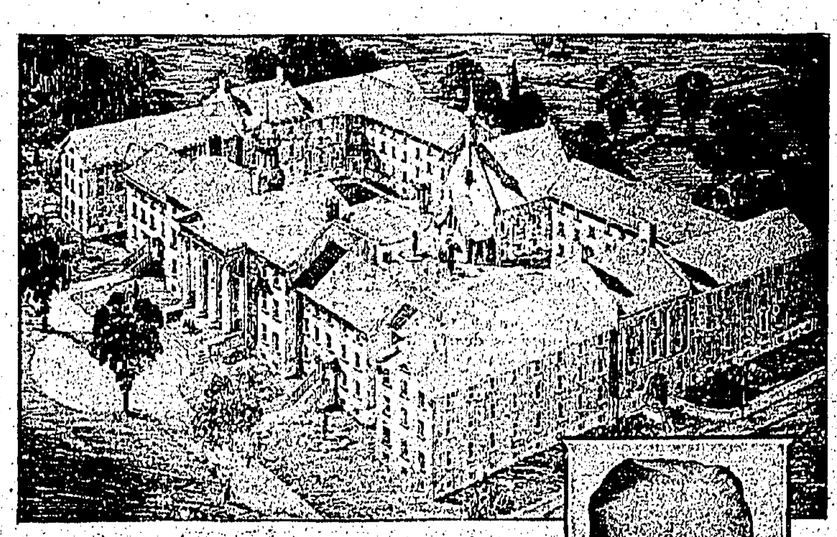
First edition, first issue of "The Vicar of Wakefield," two volumes, known as the Baroness de Ferrars—C. G. Milnes Gaskell copy, realised £420 at Messrs. Sotheby's.



Cut Shows Assemblage of King's College Buildings. Inset: His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Governor General of Canada.

After 137 years of higher educational work in Nova Scotia, King's College, Canada's oldest university, is to have a new home. The above drawing shows the proposed buildings, which will resemble in character Oxford University, to be built as soon as the present campaign has attained its desired objective.

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Many famous Canadians have been Kingsmen: Sir James Cochran, Sir Frederick Borden, Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton (Sam Slick), Basil King, Rev. H. A. Cody, and Canon Allan P. Shatford, are a few of King's products.

In 1923 King's took the first step towards a confederation of Maritime Colleges; the College was removed to Halifax and became associated with Dalhousie University.

A year ago King's launched a campaign for $500,000, having received a promise from the Carnegie Corporation of $600,000 conditional upon the raising of the first amount. Up to date the total pledged in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario, Quebec and England is $340,000, and only $160,000 more is needed.

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, has accepted the office of Patron of the Rebuilding and Endowment Fund.

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GENEVA CAUTION.

Safety of the Russian Delegates.

ESCAPING THE CROWDS.

Geneva, May 4.

The Russian delegation to the Economic Conference has arrived here. Very elaborate police precautions were taken for the safety of the delegates, who instead of alighting at the central railway station, where a large crowd had assembled to see them, they detrained at Bellevue three miles away, and motored thence to a hotel where the local authorities had engaged a whole floor for them.—Reuter.

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M. Theunis, of Belgium, who has been elected President of the Economic Conference, at Geneva.

The First Stone.

Geneva, May 4.

The economic conference opened with M. Loucheur (France) being elected the first Vice-President and M. Theunis (Belgium) President.

M. Theunis in a speech drew attention to the economic interdependence of nations. He reviewed the general economic situation of the world and outlined existing obstacles against the solution of difficulties.

He declared: "We are laying the first stone of a structure which will serve the general interests and cause of peace."

There was general applause, the public galleries being fairly well filled.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Geneva, May 4.

The most remarkable International Conference on World Economics ever convened by the League of Nations opens to-day. Forty-seven countries, including the United States, Russia, Turkey, and Egypt as well as the members of the League have already nominated delegates who are representing the widest range of interests, comprising industrialists, merchants, economists, agriculturists, shipowners, bankers, co-operative experts, workers, employers, representatives, etc.

After a general discussion of the world's economic position the Conference will divide into committees detailed to various questions. It is expected to continue for a month.—Reuter.

The Path of Progress.

Later.

Count Boninlongare (Italy) declared that Italy was short of raw material and found difficulty in supporting economically her large population. He appealed for co-operation in the conference.

Sir Walter Runciman (Britain), who expounded the views of the International Chamber of Commerce expressed a conviction that mutual understanding in international economic and business problems was the surest guarantee to the growing volume of trade, the maintenance of higher standards of life, and the legitimate aspirations of modern democracy.—Reuter.

FRESH HAVOC.

American Flood Area Increases.

NEW ARMY OF REFUGEES.

New Orleans, May 4.

New crevasses have appeared in the embankments above and below St. Joseph, between Vicksburg and Natchez, releasing an immense volume of water and adding vastly to the inundated territory.—Reuter's American Service.

Staggering Losses.

New Orleans, May 4.

Thirteen parishes in North and Central Louisiana, including over a hundred cities, towns and villages are flooded and deserted.

The devastation in North Eastern Louisiana over a stretch of approximately 4,000 square miles is becoming rapidly complete.

The river has torn through its banks in two additional places between Vicksburg and Natchez.

A new army of refugees has started on the march, increasing the number of homeless to a quarter of a million.

Rice, cotton, sugar cane and oil lands are flooded, adding almost immeasurably to the staggering total loss.—Reuter's American Service.

One Great Lake.

New Orleans, May 4.

The floods now cover, altogether nearly 15,000 square miles in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

For hundreds of miles in Arkansas and Louisiana along the Mississippi there are only scattered places which are not under water.

From Arkansas City to Vicksburg a distance of over a hundred miles, the Mississippi is flowing through a great lake.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

New Orleans, May 4.

A further 20,000 to 30,000 persons are imperilled by the floods. At Cabineteele, in north eastern Louisiana, a three-foot wall of water overflowed the levee, sweeping away the sandbags which were piled up to reinforce the embankment and inundated the farmlands and scores of villages which had to be evacuated by their inhabitants as the waters widened their sweep, flooding the plantations eight feet deep.

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The lucky purchaser of the ticket is Mr. F. J. Tavares, of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.

Mr. Tavares holds ticket No. 10,-938 which, according to Reuter's cable, drew in the "A" Cash Sweep Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hickling's Mark Over (ridden to second place by Mr. J. K. Brand). Mark Over was not the favourite. Another three lengths and Mr. Tavares might have been richer by $160,-000!

Mr. Tavares has been with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. for a number of years. He has been secretary to the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and acting secretary to the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Some years ago, two Portuguese residents in Hong Kong shared the first prize of $224,000.

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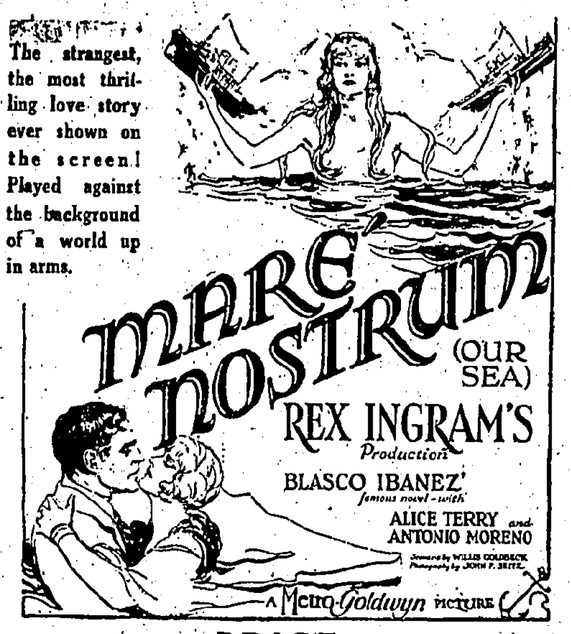

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